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afghan bid waits end of summit

Jan. 26 (AP) — U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim is to Monday announce the outcome of the Islamic summit on Afghanistan to determine whether to appoint a special mediator, U.N. officials said Tuesday.

Both men and women are expected to attend the summit, which is being held in Geneva, Switzerland, under the leadership of a representative of the United Nations for the Middle East. The summit is expected to be the only one of its kind in the history of the United Nations.

The summit has demanded a Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan. The question being discussed in backstage summit discussions is whether to couple it with a call for mediation, a source said.

In Pakistan, the sources said, is pushing for negotiations to begin and has called on Waldheim to appoint a special representative. Zia is reportedly concerned about a permanent presence near Pakistan's borders.

Saudi Arabia and other Gulf states are said to be pushing for a strong resolution that demands a united front in demanding withdrawal and putting political pressure on the Soviet Union.

The secretary-general has been asked to appoint a special representative now but he is reluctant to do so until a resolution emerges, a U.N. source said.

He has to see if it will be possible to have a meeting with Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, and Prince Saud, to discuss the possibility of U.N. help to give the Gulf crisis.

President Hussein has reportedly brought maps of its disputed border with Iran to the summit, but some conference sources believe that if Iran remained unrepresented, the rest of the conference might press Iraq to share a unilateral truce.



Crown Prince Fahd

Khaled urges freedom

TAIF, Jan. 27 (SPA) — King Khaled has called for a joint Islamic plan to confront the Zionist threat and a continuous effort to put an end to the Israeli occupation of the Arab territories and the restoration of Arab sovereignty in Jerusalem.

He described the Zionist occupation of Palestine as an "aggression against the Islamic nation, a violation of its sacred places and contrary to all norms and morals."

Confronting the Zionist designs in Palestine is the joint responsibility of Islamic nation and all peace-loving nations everywhere, he added.

He called for close Islamic unity and adherence to the tenets of Islam, and said the Muslim leaders were meeting at a time of crucial challenges which must be studied and carefully examined as they call for positive approaches. The leaders are determined to concentrate on these issues "to cure the ailments of the Islamic nation and help it to solve its problems."

Prince Fahd raps superpowers Islamic states support Israel boycott

By a Staff Writer

TAIF, Jan. 27 — Islamic countries supported a plan Tuesday to impose a total economic boycott on Israel over the issue of Jerusalem, Islamic summit conference sources said. The plan, to be announced at the end of the summit, also threatens to boycott any state that accepts the Zionist decision to annex the Arab part of Jerusalem and declare the city, sacred to Islam, Judaism and Christianity, as the eternal capital of Israel.



PRESENTATION: King Khaled receiving a golden arrow medal from U.N. Secretary General in appreciation of his services to world peace, during an audience in Taif Tuesday. The meeting was attended by Defense Minister Prince Sultan.

The sources said the plan called for an economic boycott of Israel by all 42 members of the Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC) and promised increased military aid to Palestinian commandos.

The conference chairman, Crown Prince Fahd, called a closed-door session Tuesday evening at which President Saddam Hussein of Iraq was expected to explain his side in the four-month-old war with Iran.

The conflict is on the agenda of the three-day conference, which Iran refused to attend because of President Hussein's presence.

Saudi Arabia openly criticized the United States and the Soviet Union and called for the immediate withdrawal of U.S. support to the Zionist state of Israel which occupies vast areas of Arab territories and called on the Soviet Union to end its aggression on Afghanistan and pull out all its troops immediately.

In a speech before the conference here Monday night Crown Prince Fahd accused the United States of "perpetuating Israel as an alien presence within the Arab structure."

He urged President Reagan to take into account Arab and Islamic demands for Israel's withdrawal from Jerusalem and other areas and the recognition of the right of the Palestinians to have their own state to Palestine.

On Afghanistan, the Prince said that Soviet Union must end its aggression on the Islamic state and withdraw its forces.

He pledged \$1,000 million to the Islamic Development Bank (IDB). Prince Fahd, speaking as acting president on behalf of his brother King Khaled described the IDB as the "most prominent achievement so far" in the Islamic conference's economic activities.

Conference sources said that despite the failure of attempts by the Islamic countries and the United Nations to mediate between Iraq and Iran, the conference would form a high-level committee to try to find a solution acceptable to the two warring countries and would coordinate its efforts with U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim.

Prince Fahd reiterated Saudi Arabia's firm belief that peace and stability would not be achieved in the Middle East unless Israel effects a complete withdrawal from all occupied territories and the legitimate rights are restored to the Palestinians, most especially the right to set up an independent state under the leadership of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), which is the only representative of the people of Palestine.

The crown prince commended the efforts being made by King Hassan II of Morocco, as chairman of Jerusalem Committee, toward the liberation of Jerusalem and upholding its Arab and Islamic character. He expressed his gratitude to President Ahmed Sekou Toure of Guinea and President Zia-ur-Rahman of Bangladesh for their "effective contribution" in the committee's task. He said "it is our duty to alert Muslims everywhere on the Zionist danger and their intention to Judaize all the sacred places."

The situation, he said, calls upon Muslims and Christians alike to cooperate seriously for the liberation of the sacred shrines. He added that tens of thousands of Christian inhabitants of Jerusalem have been forced by the Israeli occupation authorities to leave their homes and go elsewhere.

The crown prince said the Muslims faced another serious challenge in the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. He added that this invasion threatened the whole region, as it is an expansionist aggression from a superpower that carries the responsibility of the safeguard of world peace and stability. On the other hand, he said, it is an aggression on an independent and sovereign state, which is a member of the OIC, the United Nations and the non-aligned movement.

On behalf of the summit, Prince Fahd urged the Soviet Union to keep conformity in its stances with the principles of right, justice and freedom and also with its own slogans of peace and friendship. He called upon the Soviet Union to effect an immediate withdrawal from Afghanistan, showing respect to the wishes of the Afghan people and their right to self-determination.

The crown prince said that personal inter-

ests of major powers of the world do not invariably conform to our own interests. He added that, while the Soviet Union committed aggression on Muslim Afghanistan, the United States adheres to its traditional policy of supporting Israel. He said "We do not wish to anticipate the policy of the new U.S. administration in this regard."

He urged the U.S. to conform its policy to the principles of right and justice and to mobilize its energies to find a just and comprehensive solution to the Middle East issue.

Prince Fahd regretted that rifts among the Islamic states should lead to armed conflicts. He said that war between Iraq and Iran did not only constitute the shedding of innocent Muslim blood but also posed a threat to peace and stability of the Islamic nation as a whole.



Yasser Arafat

"Our duty as Muslims enjoins upon us to explore peaceful solutions to our differences through the OCC and within the framework of its noble ideals. We all stress upon the two countries the need to stop bloodshed and halt fighting, to settle the conflict by peaceful means and to respond to the OIC's initiative."

The crown prince reiterated it was the wish of all to see Iran participate in the meeting, as it would lead to a solution that would end the conflict and restore Islamic unity. Crown Prince Fahd referred to the conditions of Muslim communities in some countries. He said Muslim in a number of these countries do not enjoy political and a religious rights as guaranteed by international and local rules and regulations. He hoped that the conference would look into the conditions of Muslim minorities, with a view to raising their standard of living and safeguarding their rights.

Prince Fahd emphasized that it should not be interpreted as interference in the internal affairs of those countries, nor should it be considered an action against the unity of their people and their sovereignty. The aim is only to seek welfare and coherence of those communities and to ensure their rights which would help them carry out their duties toward their countries, he said.

The crown prince stressed the need for economic cooperation among the states, mainly the emerging nations. He said the Islamic states have made a good progress in this field, and are called upon to consolidate this cooperation with full inspiration from (Continued on back page)

Summit not to discuss Jordan-Syria conflict

TAIF, Jan. 27 — King Hussein of Jordan said the summit conference has not "and will not" discuss the Jordanian-Syrian dispute which followed the breakout of the war between Iran and Iraq. Syria boycotted the Arab summit conference which was held in Amman recently. Speaking to Arab News King Hussein expressed the hope that the summit will come out with positive results "consistent with the ambitions of the Islamic nation and their quest for solidarity."

Gulf war not debated

TAIF, Jan. 27 — President Zia ul Haq of Pakistan said the summit conference had not discussed the possibility of sending a mission of beads of state to Iraq and Iran to bring about a ceasefire.

President Zia told Arab News Tuesday this particular idea was "never put before the conference," although he would be pleased to take part in any joint Islamic effort towards this end. "I shall not hesitate to do it if asked," he said. "I will be delighted to do anything to serve the Muslims in any way," he affirmed.

Indonesian ship sinks

1,000 feared drowned

JAKARTA, Jan. 27 (AP) — An Indonesian passenger ship sank in the storm-tossed Java sea Tuesday afternoon after a four-hour fire, and the fate of nearly 1,000 people was unknown, Indonesian officials reported.

A spokesman for the national search and rescue operation said only 175 of the 1,137 people aboard were known to have been rescued, and that a search was continuing for others.

The spokesman said an earlier report that a ship, *Tanponas II*, was being towed where it sank was not correct. He said one of the six motor ships sent to help the stricken vessel did get near it in the rough seas.

"We tried to contact the boat, but it sank," he said.

Hundreds of people, relatives of the pas-

14-year-old boy shot

Zambia labor riots break out

LUSAKA, Jan. 27 (R) — A 14-year-old boy was shot dead and up to 50 people were injured when police stepped in Monday to quell a riot at a mine township in Zambia's mineral-rich copper-belt province, the official press reported Tuesday.

The death was the first reported in more than a week of industrial unrest which began the country's vital copper and cobalt industry and spread to the banking and insurance sector.

The ruling United National Independence Party (UNIP) said the shooting took place when police moved in to break up a riot and a bullet hit the boy, who was walking home from school.

The shooting angered the crowd, who rampaged through the township, stoning vehicles and setting up roadblocks, the paper said.

Recent labor unrest leading to wildcat strikes, which appeared to be almost over in the mines Monday, but still continuing in the banks, stemmed from growing friction in recent months between the labor movement and the UNIP, the country's only legal political organization.

A spokesman for Nchanga Consolidated Copper Mines (NCCM), one of the two state-controlled mining companies, confirmed that police had shot a boy Monday, but did not know the circumstances.

Another NCCM spokesman told newsmen that at all the company's divisions except one mine at Rokana, near where the shooting occurred, workers had returned to work Tuesday.

A spokesman for Roan Consolidated Mines Ltd. (RCM) said there had been only a partial turnout at the company's Mufubi division Monday and the situation there Tuesday was unclear.

Paris cops arrest Mesrine's friend

PARIS, Jan. 27 (AFP) — Police arrested former lawyer Christiane Gilette Tuesday on charges of helping the prison escape in 1978 of France's public enemy number one, Jacques Mesrine, dramatically shot to death in a police ambush here last year.

Miss Gilette was interviewed Mesrine in the Sainte prison on May 8, 1978 when, she alleged afterwards, he climbed out to a table and took pistols from an air-conditioning grating in the wall. He held up her and several warders and made his getaway.

But there was widespread doubt about this story at the time, with claims that she had brought in the arms herself. In the subsequent uproar, she resigned from the Paris bar. She faces a maximum penalty of 10 years jail.

Revenge group claims bombing

Bani-Sadr reveals conspiracy

TEHRAN, Jan. 27 (AFP) — Iranian President Abulhasan Bani-Sadr reported that a conspiracy to assassinate him had been uncovered.

In his daily column in the newspaper *Islamic Revolution*, which he founded, Bani-Sadr said Monday that he had obtained two documents referring to the plot.

The president said that he received a report on Jan. 14 from the army intelligence service at Ahwaz, which indicated that the plotters "were going to fire on the president's car with an anti-tank weapon" on the route linking Andimeshk and Ahwaz.

The second document, Bani-Sadr said, consisted of 40 pages. He said that one of the

texts in the document stipulated that the "president's car should be destroyed in a traffic accident and that a period of national mourning should be proclaimed" after the planned murder.

Bani-Sadr gave no indication as to the identity of the conspirators beyond saying that the "documents came from a political group."

He added that he could not make public the other information contained in the documents because it concerned the war with Iraq and was secret.

Meanwhile, a San Francisco self-styled "American committee for revenge," which claimed responsibility for a bomb blast at the Melll Iran Bank here, has threatened to carry out more bombings and to assassinate supporters of Iranian religious leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation said they were taking the group's threats seriously. A spokesman said the hitherto unheard of group's call Monday was more credible than another call claiming to be from the Jewish Defense League. The League denied all responsibility Monday.

The committee said its aim was to exact revenge for the handling of the 52 American hostages who flew home Sunday.

The Melll Iran Bank is owned by the Tehran government. It is mainly concerned with international trade operations, but also handles accounts for Iranian students living in the United States.

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Prince Saud says Islamic states ready for Jihad

TAIF, Jan. 27 (SPA) — Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal said that all Islamic countries participating in the conference are ready to use their resources to take part in Jihad (holy struggle) as called for by Crown Prince Fahd.

"Jihad is the responsibility of every Muslim. The Islamic countries that debated the topic in the conference will take part readily in the holy struggle to liberate Jerusalem, according to their abilities," the foreign ministers said in a Monday night press conference.

About economic cooperation among Islamic countries and the creation of a common market, Prince Saud said the issue of economic cooperation is being debated in detail from its commercial viewpoint and other aspects. "An Islamic common market is a description of many meanings," he added.

"The cooperation among Islamic countries we are seeking covers political, social, cultural and economic aspects. Specific issues have been presented to the summit, including a general agreement for economic cooperation, an agreement for protection of

investment and others," he added. In addition, the existing organizations that help promote trade exchange and other commercial cooperation among Islamic countries will be discussed at the summit, he said. The prince referred to the Islamic Development Bank whose capital increase will be discussed to open new channels of cooperation.

Asked if the Muslim leaders took the "Palestine oath" vowing to liberate Jerusalem and the occupied land during the opening session of the third Islamic summit at the holy Kaaba, Prince Saud said there was a proposal to undertake the oath.

"King Khaled assured Yasser Arafat, the chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, that the meeting of Muslim leaders at the holy Kaaba, and the conference named after "Palestine and Jerusalem is considered a promise by the leaders to liberate Jerusalem," Prince Saud added.

The prince referred to King Khaled's statement during the opening session and said that it was a true, determined and serious call to liberate Jerusalem and the occupied Palestinian and Arab lands. "I

think the whole conference is nothing but an oath by Muslims to liberate Jerusalem," Prince Saud said.

He said that the conference was to discuss in its two sessions Tuesday the Jerusalem Committee report. The report will be presented by King Hassan of Morocco, who is the chairman of the committee in addition to reviewing the agenda prepared by the foreign ministers' conference.

Asked if Archbishop Hilariion Capucci was banned from attending the summit by the Vatican under Israel's pressure, Prince Saud said that was not true. He said he had received a message from the archbishop on the subject recently.

About the proposed Islamic justice court and if the Islamic world needed such an institution, Prince Saud said the proposal has been submitted to the delegates with recommendations. "We hope the institution will contribute in resolving differences among Islamic countries which is a noble objective. I hope the proposal will be approved and come into existence," the prince said.



GIFT: King Khalid receives a replica of Al Aqsa mosque as a gift from the Palestine Liberation Organization's Executive Committee's chairman, Yasser Arafat. Observing the event is King Hassan II of Morocco (left) and PLO representative of the Kingdom Rafiq Natsha (center). The Islamic summit meeting in Taif has been dedicated to Palestine and the occupied Arab lands.

He said the agenda comprising the Iranian conflict has not been discussed yet, thus no decision has been taken on the issue. Prince Saud was replying to a question whether the conference decided to form a committee of heads of state that would go to Iran to persuade them attend the summit.

The conference's efforts to convince the Iranian government to attend is clear, he said. Habib Chatti, secretary general of the organization of the Islamic conference, has returned from Iran recently, Prince Saud said.

About the Arab Good Offices Committee's meetings which were planned to precede the summit, the prince said the committee has prepared a report which is being studied. "We are waiting for an opportunity to present the report before the leaders," he added.

The foreign minister said the issue of south Lebanon will be discussed by the conference.

Asked about a statement by a U.S. foreign ministry spokesman in which he criticized what he called the "Islamic mobilization to liberate Jerusalem," Prince Saud said he had not heard of any such statement. "Even if it is true, we will stress that the continuation of occupation of Jerusalem and Arab lands and neglecting the rights of the Palestinian people is what threatens peace and stability," the prince said.

Salman to be chairman

Miteb to shuffle Riyadh commission

RIYADH, Jan. 27 (SPA) — Prince Miteb, public works and housing minister and acting minister of municipal and rural affairs, issued a decision Tuesday for shuffling the Higher Commission for the Development of Riyadh.

The new formation of the commission, according to the decision, appoints Riyadh

Governor Prince Salman as the chairman and Deputy Riyadh Governor Prince Sattam as vice-chairman. Riyadh Mayor Sheikh Abdullah Ali Al-Naeem will be a member and secretary general of the commission.

Other members of the commission will include the deputy minister of finance and

national economy for budget and organization, deputy planning minister, Riyadh water and sewage department director general, Riyadh deputy mayor for technical affairs, Riyadh deputy mayor for municipal affairs, Riyadh city planning director, Engineer Turki ibn Abdullah ibn Abdul Rahman, Dr. Muhammad ibn Abdul Azziz Al-Sheikh, Omar Muhammad Al-Omran and Sulaiman Al-Saleh.

The office period of the members of the members will be two years, and is renewable for two more years. The Higher Commission for the Development of Riyadh was formed by a decision of the Council of Ministers to replace the Municipal Council of the capital.

In other municipal developments, the Municipality of Tarut started issuing SR 30.2 million in compensation for expropriated land. The compensation covers properties expropriated for building the vegetable and meat market and expanding two major streets in Tarut.



Prince Miteb

Tarut Mayor Mubarak Muhammad Al-Musit said Tuesday that the municipality awarded an SR 2.7 million contract for asphaltting some roads. The contract, won by a national company, calls for completion of work within seven months, the mayor said.

Musit added that the work site for an SR 577 million project for Tarut Island and other Qatif villages was handed to the contracting company involved in the project. The project comprises a sewage water treatment plant and landfilling swamps.

For summit

IDB releases special report

JEDDAH, Jan. 27 (SPA) — The Jeddah-based Islamic Development Bank financed 94 projects at a cost of 445 million Islamic Dinars (about \$544 million) in 36 countries as of October, 1980.

In a report issued on the occasion of the Indians hold ceremony

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Jan. 27 — The Indian Embassy Monday night held reception on the occasion of India's 30th Republic Day anniversary.

Abdullah Bougis, deputy minister of Haj affairs; Abdul Hamid Darballi, director-general for ministry of planning in the western region, all heads of the diplomatic missions and members of the Indian community were among those present. They were received by Indian Ambassador Abdul Kader Hafizka.

Earlier, in the morning, a flag-hoisting ceremony was held, when Hafizka read out the President's message.

third Islamic summit conference, the IDB reviewed its activities and operation for the last five years.

The report said that the bank has granted non-profit loans and assistance for economic, financial and social feasibility studies for 17 projects in 10 countries. These projects were granted a total of seven Million Islamic Dinars (\$8.4 million).

Infrastructure projects financed by the IDB numbered 33 and are located in 23 countries. The projects were funded with a total amount of 180 million Islamic Dinars (about \$216 million), according to the report.

Projects financed by leasing numbered to 12 in 10 member states. The IDB granted ID91 million (about \$109 million) for these projects. In addition, the bank financed foreign trade operations that numbered 80 by October, 1980. Twenty two countries benefited from the foreign trade financing operations that cost ID799 million (about \$959 million), the report said.

20,000 subscribers added Phone line gains recorded

RIYADH, Jan. 27 — Saudi Telephone's statistical report for the month of Moharram shows record gains in the number of working telephone lines installed: more than 20,000 new subscribers were added to the network, bringing the total to 339,000.

This increase is twice as large as any in the previous months, with nine of Saudi Telephone's 15 districts having their highest performance ever. The gain represents an increase of more than 170 per cent since the start of the telephone expansion program, according to a phone company report.

The increase in working telephones was matched by an increase in the installed

capacity of the entire system. During Moharram a total of nine exchange cutovers took place, adding 26,400 lines to the system's installed capacity, the report added.

While Saudi Telephone was adding new customers, its service to existing subscribers surged ahead. During the month 29 new international trunk circuits were put in place, allowing customers easier access to many other countries. This brings the total of international trunk circuits to 1,121. National trunk circuits increased by 4,406, totaling 47,100 trunk circuits.

All sectors of the Kingdom benefited from Saudi Telephone's efforts.

China scientists visit Riyadh U

RIYADH, Jan. 27 (SPA) — Riyadh University Rector Dr. Mansour Ibrahim Al-Turki received a delegation from the Chinese National Scientific Council Tuesday. The delegation, led by Dr. Shin So Chuo, chairman of the National Science and Technology Center.

Talks centered on exchange of views in scientific and technology and the progress of Riyadh University in these fields. The Chinese delegation inspected the faculties of science, engineering, and agriculture and their laboratories and achievements.

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Reagan administration reviewing M.E. policy

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27 (AP) — The Reagan administration is reviewing its United States' policy toward the Middle East, a spokesman has said, but he added that does not necessarily mean a

"What we're simply doing is reviewing the policies that now exist to see whether or not we wish in all respects to continue the policy, or whether or not in some respects we wish to change it," said William Dyess, the State Department spokesman Monday.

Qaddafi urges Reagan to change policy

BEIRUT, Jan. 27 (R) — Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi has called on President Ronald Reagan to change American policy and undertake a role that would guard world peace, the Libyan news agency Jana reported.

In a message to Reagan on the occasion of his inauguration as president, Qaddafi said the signing of the Camp David Middle East accords, which Libya strongly opposed, led the failure of American policy and the defeat of Jimmy Carter in the presidential election.

Qaddafi said his country would welcome the establishment of relations with the United States based on mutual respect and mutual interests under the Reagan administration.

Egypt calls for PLO-U.S. dialogue

CAIRO, Jan. 27 (R) — Egyptian Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali has called for a dialogue between the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) and the U.S. administration of President Ronald Reagan. "The time has come for the PLO to start adopting useful methods to solve the Palestinian problem and start a dialogue with the American administration," Ali told Egyptian journalists Monday.

Successive American governments have refused to recognize or negotiate with the PLO but there have been contacts between U.S. diplomats and PLO officials. It was not clear from Ali's remarks what type of dialogue he was recommending.

Egypt has said the PLO should not join Middle East peace talks until after Cairo reaches agreement with Israel on a form of autonomy for Palestinians of the West Bank and Gaza Strip. The PLO closed down its Cairo office in protest against the Egyptian Israeli peace agreement.

BRIEFS

BEIRUT, (R) — A rocket hit an apartment block housing the Jordanian embassy in Beirut Monday but nobody was injured, security sources said. They said the missile was fired from a private residence. The embassy was damaged.

WASHINGTON, (AFP) — Arab ambassadors, directors of the League of Arab States and members of the Arab League Middle East Council will meet opposition Labor Party

Nigeria minister says Chadians oppose merger

PARIS, Jan. 27 (Agencies) — Nigerian Foreign Minister Ishaya Audu said here Tuesday that he believes the majority of Chad's people are opposed to a merger with Libya. Audu, on an official visit to France said after talks with President Valery Giscard d'Estaing that Nigeria was ready to give Chad any help it could, including military, to allow it to withstand merger pressures.

Nigeria would not intervene unilaterally in Chad, but might do so, if asked, in the context of an Organization of African Unity (OAU) force, Audu said.

The minister said his government believes the Libyan presence in Chad is a threat to the security of Africa. This position tallies very closely with France's stand on Chad, and Audu said the two countries should coordinate their objectives so as to allow Chad to be in a position to manage its own affairs.

Audu said Libya's past attempts at mergers — with Egypt, Tunisia and Syria — had failed, but that in the present case, Tripoli was dealing with "a very different country."

He said Nigeria was worried that if Libya consolidated its presence in Chad, it could be used as a jumping-off point for incursions into other countries. Chad has borders with Nigeria, Niger, Cameroon, Central African Republic and Sudan. Audu said Nigeria, Sudan and Egypt are in regular contact on the Chadian situation.

Libya had no right to demand that France withdraw its troops from African states — such as central African Republic, Senegal and Gabon — if they were there at the express request of those governments, the Nigerian minister said.

Although it was preferable that no foreign forces be present in Africa, Audu said, every legitimate government had the right to call on whoever it wanted for help. Only a freely elected government could decide that, Audu said.

Audu also said Nigeria was interested in cooperating with France in the fields of military equipment and nuclear power. He is to visit the Dassault aircraft works and a nuclear power plant during his five-day stay in France.

Peres meets Schmidt

BONN, Jan. 27 (AP) — Shimon Peres, chairman of the Israeli Labor Party, has met with Chancellor Helmut Schmidt. Political experts here who see the Labor Party as a possible victor in upcoming Israeli elections speculated that the two discussed the Palestinian question and Middle East problems in general.

Peres and Schmidt were the only ones at the meeting, and details were not immediately revealed.



SEARCH FOR AGGRESSORS: Afghan freedom fighters search for pro-Soviet government and party officials among bus passengers in the Panjshir Valley, the scene of fighting, north of Kabul. The photo was released in Pakistan recently by the Jamiat Islami group.

U.N. to issue stamps on rights of Palestinians

UNITED NATIONS, Jan. 27 (AP) — United Nations plans to issue a stamp publicizing Palestinian rights this week to imply approval of terrorism, a spokesman said.

The spokesman, Rudolf Stajduhar, told U.N. correspondents Monday he was giving them a clarifying statement on the subject because the United Nations had gotten letters from "persons in the United States" that asked "why we are promoting PLO."

The Palestine Liberation Organization, recognized by the U.N. General Assembly as "the representative of the Palestinian people," has taken responsibility for repeated commando raids into Israel.

U.N. commemorative stamps printed with the phrase "Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People," but making no mention of the PLO, will go on sale Friday in New York, Geneva and Vienna and locations of various divisions of the United Nations.

The statement Stajduhar gave out recalled that the assembly had called for issuance of such a stamp in a resolution it adopted in 1979 "with the objective of publicizing the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people."

Subsequent resolutions have said the Palestinians have a right to establish their own state in Palestine and have endorsed a plan formulated by a U.N. committee to have Israel transfer the Israeli-occupied Gaza Strip and West Bank of the Jordan River to the PLO to be turned into a Palestinian state.

The statement said: "The importance of assuring the rights of the Palestinian people in the process of establishing a permanent peace in the Middle East has been accepted by the vast majority of the world community, including all the parties directly concerned with the question of Palestine."

2 Turkish editors freed

ISTANBUL, Jan. 27 (R) — Turkish martial law authorities released two senior editors of the mass circulation daily newspaper *Hurriyet* (freedom) over the weekend but are still detaining a third, newspaper sources said Monday.

The three editors were detained as part of an investigation into a story published Jan. 9 detailing what *Hurriyet* said were large price increases planned by state bodies.

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As Zhao visits Burma

Indochinese leaders discuss Kampuchea

HO CHI MINH CITY, Jan. 27 (AFP) — The foreign ministers of Vietnam, Kampuchea and Laos opened a conference on southeast Asian affairs Tuesday in this southern Vietnamese capital, formerly known as Saigon.

Diplomatic sources said the three would most likely discuss joint strategy aimed at reinforcing their cooperation and an initiative on the southeast Asian situation.

Vietnamese Foreign Minister Nguyen Co Thach was on hand at Ho Chi Minh City's Tan Son Nhat airport to meet his Kampuchean counterpart Hun Sen and Laotian Vice Premier and Foreign Minister Phoum Sipaseuth when they arrived Monday.

Similar conferences were held in Phnom Penh in January last year, and the Laotian capital, Vientiane, in July. Although it was not announced how long the conference would last, observers noted that it came at a time of increasing diplomatic efforts on the part of the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) to convene an international conference on Kampuchea in keeping with a United Nations General Assembly resolution adopted last October.

ASEAN is a non-Communist alliance grouping Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and the Philippines. It is concerned by the fighting in Kampuchea between the Vietnamese-supported Heng Samrin regime and guerrillas of the Khmer Rouge regime which Vietnamese troops helped oust. So far the three Indochinese countries have refused to participate in such a conference.

Meanwhile, Chinese Prime Minister Zhao Ziyang arrived in Rangoon Monday for a five-day visit, shortly after the announcement that Burma had intervened in the dispute

between Thailand and Vietnam over Kampuchea.

Although neither the state radio nor official newspapers gave any inkling of the reason for Burmese Foreign Minister Lay Maung's just concluded trip to Bangkok and Hanoi, other than to say that it was a "good-will mission", shortwave radio listeners here finally received confirmation Sunday night of a rumor long in circulation around town and at diplomatic functions that Rangoon was being offered as a venue for talks between Thailand and Vietnam.

Lay Maung himself arrived back late Sunday evening without much fanfare in time for the Chinese Premier's arrival. He was on hand Monday at the airport to welcome Zhan Ziyang and his 24-member delegation, along with Prime Minister Maung Maung Kha and other senior officials.

Zhao's visit to Burma is his first to a foreign country since he became China's prime minister last year. He is due to leave Rangoon for Bangkok Jan. 30. Apart from bilateral relations the Chinese leader is also expected to discuss regional and international issues with Burmese leaders during his stay here, with emphasis on the Kampuchean problem.

In another development, Vietnam handed 14 Chinese over to China Monday while Peking authorities released three Vietnamese officers in exchange, the Vietnamese News Agency (VNA) and the New China News Agency (NCNA) announced. The 17 had been seized in the course of "incursions" from one country into the other, both agencies said.

14 Angolans killed in South African attack

LUBANGO, Jan. 27 (AFP) — South African forces attacked a church mission and village huts during an assault on an Angolan military base 25 miles from the Namibian border, witnesses and Angolan authorities told foreign journalists. Fourteen civilians were reported killed.

The attacks, by ground troops and warplanes, lasted three days, the Angolans said. They began Jan. 15, the day after the Geneva conference on Namibia ended in failure with South Africa refusing to sign a ceasefire with the guerrilla South West Africa People's Organization (SWAPO), headquartered in Angola.

Four journalists, including an Agence France-Presse reporter, were taken to the scene of the fighting — Cuamato, Cuene

province — by road from Lubango, which is 120 miles north of the Namibian frontier. They were shown the remains of some village huts that had been razed, they were told, by South African bombs.

Father Emanuel Belchior Valipo said his Roman Catholic mission was also hit. He said South African helicopters had sprayed it with machine-gun fire Jan. 17. A little girl was wounded. Father Valipo said the toll was light because the mission hospital had been evacuated the first day of the South African attacks. The priest said he believed his mission had been attacked because the South Africans thought wounded combatants were treated there. He denied this.

To show the journalists that the attack on Cuamato was not the first in which South Africa had hit civilian targets, the Angolan

authorities took them to a school in Xangongo, between Lubango and Cuamato, that was machine-gunned in October, 1979, when 30 persons were killed and 40 wounded, the Angolans said. The reporters also visited a furniture factory in Lubango that was bombed in September 1979.

Despite the continuing attacks into southern Angola, life in Xangongo is more normal today than it was in 1979, according to one of the journalists, who had visited the town then. Some of the people have come back and the bridge over the Cuene river — damaged and out of use on 1979 — has been rebuilt. But it is still not possible to fly from Lubango to Cuene province. The Angolans say South African planes violate Angolan airspace daily.



DEEP IN THOUGHT: Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and Soviet Deputy Premier Ivan Archipov ponder a point during a meeting in New Delhi Friday.

Pomp, pageantry mark Indian republic day

NEW DELHI, Jan. 27 (Agencies) — Hundreds of thousands of Indians shivered through the chill of a damp, overcast morning here Monday but were rewarded with nearly two hours of pomp and pageantry at the 31st annual Republic Day parade.

A few minutes before the parade, Prime Minister Indira Gandhi rode in an open white jeep down the Rajpath, the broad boulevard from the presidential palace to India Gate. There she placed a wreath at the foot of the monument honoring India's unknown soldier. Returning to the reviewing stand along Rajpath, Mrs. Gandhi joined President Sanjiva Reddy, Vice President Muhammad Hidayatullah and the guest of honor, Mexican President Jose Lopez Portillo.

Promptly at 10 a.m. cannons boomed a 21-gun salute, Reddy unfurled the Indian

flag, a band played the national anthem and the parade began on the 11-kilometer route. First came tanks, armored personnel carriers and self-propelled guns. There were trailer-mounted jet airplanes, a MiG-23, an Indian-made Ajtek and a Chetak, a replica of the four-stage rocket with which India put a satellite into orbit this summer.

The traditional finale, a flypast by Indian air force jets, was restricted by the lingering smoke in the colors of the Indian flag swept low over the area, followed by four Jaguars.

Later in the evening visiting Mexican President and Mrs. Gandhi had formal talks, mainly on the international situation, including the developments in India's neighborhood. The talks lasted about an hour. Informed sources believed that the Gulf war and the Afghan crisis could be among the subjects discussed.

Meanwhile, the death toll in the cold wave in northern India has reached nearly 300, it was reported Monday.

Nyerere sacks bankers

DAR ES SALAAM, Jan. 27 (R) — Tanzanian President Julius Nyerere Monday sacked the chairman and general manager of the state-run Tanzania Investment Bank in a continuing crackdown on high-level corruption. A presidential statement said bank executive chairman George Mbowe and general manager Tibesigwa failed to act in the "clear interest and declared public policy of Tanzania."

Last Friday the President sacked the head of Air Tanzania, Lawrence Mmasi, and Transport and Communications Ministers Augustine Mwingira, in a scandal over the national airlines' leasing of two Boeing aircraft from a Beirut businessman.

Human rights director kidnapped in Salvador

SAN SALVADOR, Jan. 27 (AP) — A leading human rights official was kidnapped Monday by unidentified gunmen, but a spokesman for the El Salvador Human Rights Commission refused to give further details. Police officials could not be reached for confirmation.

Director Victor Medrano is the second top official of the commission to be abducted in the past three months. Magdalena Enriquez, the public relations director, was found dead on a highway near the capital four days after she was kidnapped last November.

The commission is an independent human rights watchdog group that has close ties to international organizations and receives funding from similar groups in Europe. It keeps a running tally of deaths from political violence. In 1980, it estimated 13,000 were killed, with 80 per cent attributed to right-wing death squads and the military and the rest to leftist guerrillas.

Meanwhile, the El Salvador government charged that the pilot of a plane that allegedly tried to smuggle arms to Salvadoran guerrillas over the weekend was a pilot for Nicaragua's Lanica Airlines. The plane, of Costa Rican registry, was destroyed on a clandestine landing strip by Salvadoran jets Sunday.

The man identified by the armed forces as the Nicaraguan pilot, Julio Talavera, 31, was presented to officers at the headquarters of El Salvador's air force.

Relations between Nicaragua and El Salvador have deteriorated sharply since the first of the year because of what El Salvador says is Nicaraguan complicity with leftists trying to run arms to Salvadoran guerrillas.

The United States and El Salvador say there is strong evidence Nicaragua is permitting its territory to be used as a staging area for arms that can be traced to Cuba and are

intended for Salvadoran guerrillas. El Salvador claims guerrillas have used Nicaragua as a base for sending launches loaded with leftist fighters to El Salvador. The countries have no common border, but are separated by the Gulf of Fonseca on the Pacific coast.

Reporters were not permitted to question the alleged pilot of the plane, who had what appeared to be facial bruises and a back wound of undetermined origin.

The plane, a twin-engine Piper Aztec, contained Belgian-made automatic rifles, ammunition and other supplies. Military spokesmen said other persons in the plane had escaped.

Air force spokesmen said before the plane landed it dropped several packets by parachute and that one of them contained rifles, ammunition and medicine.

Another congressman convicted for bribery

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27 (R) — Former U.S. Republican Congressman Richard Kelly was convicted Monday on charges of conspiracy and bribery by a U.S. district court jury. He became the sixth congressman convicted in the so-called Abscam undercover operation in which Federal Bureau of Investigation agents posed as front-men for fictitious Arab sheikhs willing to buy legislative favors. The others were all Democrats.

The jury reached its verdict after a seven-week trial which saw videotapes showing Kelly putting \$25,000 into his pockets during a meeting with one of the agents. Kelly, 56, a former federal prosecutor and state court judge, said he would appeal against the decision. He was elected to Congress in 1974 and defeated in the Nov. 4 election.

Chun leaves for U.S. today

SEOUL, Jan. 27 (AFP) — South Korean President Chun Doo-hwan leaves for the United States Wednesday for a meeting with President Ronald Reagan, seen here as a reassuring sign of renewed American recognition of the country's strategic importance.

Officials here expect the new president to reaffirm Washington's security commitment to South Korea and to announce his intention to keep the 39,000-man U.S. deterrent force in the Korean peninsula. Seoul had been concerned recently that Washington might revive plans to gradually withdraw American ground troops from South Korea, after freezing the project for two years.

Observers note that the invitation to Washington, so soon after Reagan's investiture, has heightened the prestige of the 50-year-old military strongman, now aiming for

a seven-year term of office in presidential elections less than a month away. Chun's trip is seen here as a stamp of approval for his leadership. Seizing power following the assassination of President Park Chung-hee 15 months ago, Chun incurred the ire of the Jimmy Carter administration, which had insisted on democratization in this country.

Chun will be accompanied by Deputy Premier for Economic Planning Shin Byung-Hyun, Foreign Minister Loh Shin-Yung, National Defense Minister Choo Yung-Bok and General Yoo Byung-Him, chairman of the joint chiefs of staff.

Before Washington, Chun flies to New York to meet U.N. Secretary General Kang Waldheim Saturday. The South Korean leader is expected to thank Waldheim for mediation between South and North Korea.



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Malcolm Allison quits palace

NDON, Jan. 27 (AFP) — Malcolm Allison, controversial manager of Crystal Palace for 55 days, has parted company with the Division club. He left after a meeting with the club's new chief shareholders, Roy Noades, also chairman of Fourth Division Wimbledon, who has appointed Allison as the club's manager. Dario Gradi, as the club's manager.



THE VICTIM: Pace-setters Hannu Mikkola of Finland and co-driver Arne Hertz of Sweden in their Audi Quattro Turbo, before they crashed on the fifth special of the Monte Carlo Rally.

Mikkola involved in accident Frenchman takes the lead in Rally

MONTE CARLO, Jan. 27 (AP) — Jean-Luc Therier of France in a Porsche took the lead in the Monte Carlo rally Tuesday when Hannu Mikkola of Finland slid off the road and broke one of the front wheels on his Audi Quattro Turbo.

Ghavri, Yadav help Indians force a draw

ADELAIDE, Jan. 27 (AP) — The second Test at the Adelaide Oval between India and Australia ended in a draw here Tuesday after Australia had a great chance to force victory in the final session.

Miller, Willey bowl England to 190-run win

POINTE-A-PIERRE, Trinidad, Jan. 27 (AFP) — Off-spinners Geoff Miller and Peter Willey bowled England to victory by 190 runs over the West Indies cricket Board President's XI here Monday in the opening match of their West Indian tour.

Heather Strang swims to glory

CHRISTCHURCH, Jan. 27 (AP) — Fourteen-year-old Michigan schoolgirl Heather Strang won the 100 meters freestyle Tuesday at the New Zealand Games Swimming competition here with both brains and a surprising burst of finishing speed.

Benson cricket to begin

JEDDAH, Jan. 27 — A new cricket league begins Thursday (Jan. 29) under the sponsorship of Benson and Hedges, and features five teams out in the present Alireza League.

Peking-Taipei rift nears solution

TOKYO, Jan. 27 (R) — A long political struggle between Peking and Taipei concerning affiliations with the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and other world sports bodies Tuesday appeared to be ending.



UNIQUE MOOD: Jimmy Connors in one of his unique moods.

Buchanan outpointed

BIRMINGHAM, Jan. 27 (AFP) — Scotland's former lightweight World Boxing Champion Ken Buchanan, making a comeback at 35, finally ran out of time when he lost his British Light-Welterweight final eliminator to Coventry's Steve early on points here Monday night.

Real Madrid plagued with problems

MADRID, Jan. 27 (R) — The balance of power in Spanish soccer has changed and to the distress of Real Madrid, 20 times champions, the new elite are their neighbors and arch-rivals — Atletico Madrid.

Soccer Results table with columns for Spots, Club, and Score.

Kriek wrests singles crown

MONTERRREY, Mexico, Jan. 27 (AP) — South African Johan Kriek defeated Vitas Malits of the United States 6-7, 6-3, 7-6 Monday to take the singles title at Monterrey tennis championship and the \$35,000 first prize.

Connors whips Stan Smith

MONTECARLO, Monaco, Jan. 27 (AP) — Jimmy Connors defeated Stan Smith 6-3, 6-3 Monday night in the first round of the \$250,000 U.S. Pro Tennis Championship at the Sporting Club de Monte-Carlo.

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The urgent problems facing Reagan

By Robert Shagan

WASHINGTON — The crisis confronting Ronald Reagan as he comes to power is enough to daunt any president. Yet the urgency of the problems at home and the perils abroad also present the new chief executive with an opportunity for leadership that is rare — and highly perishable. To be sure, it is not hard to understand why, from the immediate viewpoint of Reagan and his top advisers, the shadow of adversity might conceal the outlines of opportunity.

This generation of Americans seems to have all but lost control of its destiny. The economy, as Reagan was quick to point out in his ringing inaugural address, suffers from an "affliction of great proportions," most particularly from a seemingly unending inflation, which "threatens to shatter the lives of millions of our people." And then there is the alarming decline of American influence and power across the globe. That dismal reality was brought home once again by the fact that even as Reagan took the oath of office, the prolonged captivity of the hostages in Iran was coming to its conclusion.

Reagan of course has been well aware of the debilitated national condition; he pointed it out often enough during his election challenge to President Carter. But the nation's problems, and their potential solutions, understandably looked somewhat different from the campaign trail than they do from the White House.

As Reagan's vice presidential running mate George Bush acknowledged recently in seeking continued support from victorious leaders of the Republican Party: "Getting this country back on the road to prosperity at home and peace-through-strength overseas seemed a little easier in the campaign, I must say."

And Reagan himself has been around the national scene long enough to know that being president has never been a soft touch. As Lyndon Johnson once told an aide, "If this job was easy you wouldn't need a president. You could run this country with a part-time committee."

The fact is, though, that the 40th president has a number of things going for him, if he has the insight and imagination to take advantage of them. First of all, the hostage crisis has ended at least, eliminating what would otherwise have been a profound distraction. Thus the new president is free to concentrate his energies on a host of other, more fundamental problems.

Then, too, the Democratic opposition is in disarray, its policies discredited by failure to remedy the problems still facing Reagan. Most of its leaders are cursing the wounds of defeat. The liberal doctrines that energized the Democrats for so long seem to have lost their vitality, and the Democrats are groping for a substitute. "There is nothing left in the social policy area of the liberal agenda," neo-conservative scholar Irving Kristol said. "Liberals have done all the good things they wanted to do; they have done all the bad things they wanted to do."

The decline of liberalism leaves national politics with something of an ideological vacuum. Reagan has an unusual opportunity to try to fill that vacuum with his own updated version of conservatism, complete with the attractive new fringe benefits of across-the-board income tax cuts and "supply side" economics. And while his opposition is weak, Reagan can turn to a broad base of potential support. The electoral landscape and substantial popular vote margin that swept him into office gives Reagan important psychological impetus.

But at least as significant as the mathematics of last November's returns is the mood of the voters, as captured in a post-election survey by Reagan's chief pollster and strategist, Richard Wirthlin. The attitude of many voters, according to Wirthlin, reflects in large part their disappointment at what they considered Carter's failure to deliver on the mandate he was given in the 1976 election.

If Reagan's 1980 mandate could be described in its most meaningful terms, Wirthlin reported, "the electorate said: 'We want stronger leadership.'"

Irving Kristol drew a similar conclusion from the returns. "The Reagan mandate," he said, "is to stop us from drifting in the direction we have been drifting, both in economic and foreign affairs, and to move us in another direction."

Judging from the aggressive thrust of his inaugural address, Reagan seems to be attuned to the activist mood of the electorate. "We must act today in order to preserve tomorrow," he declared in his speech. "And let there be no misunderstanding — we are going to begin to act — beginning today."

The phrasing recalled the rhetoric of Franklin Roosevelt when, in his first inaugural address in 1933, he summoned the country to battle against the great depression. Roosevelt said: "This nation asks for action, and action now." Roosevelt, was of course, Reagan's first hero in national politics. And many believe that the vigor-Roosevelt demonstrated during his celebrated first 100-days in office should serve as a model for his long-time admirer to follow in the White House nearly half a century later.

But the new chief executive can only follow Roosevelt's or any other president's footsteps so far. Reagan will have to blaze his own trail, and sooner or later stumble into his own pitfalls.

Some analysts worry about his inclination to delegate authority. "His reliance on good executives and good managers might impair the dynamism inherent in his program," Kristol said. Others point to his tendency to put off decisions.

Perhaps an even more fundamental problem, for a would-be activist president is Reagan's oft-stated distaste for government itself. "In this present crisis," he told the crowd at the Capitol, and the millions watching on television, "government is not the solution; it is the problem."

Millions of Americans apparently are just as fed up with government as is Reagan. They helped elect him. Yet many of these voters are also counting on Reagan to keep the promises to provide a vigorous economy and an equal opportunity at home while advancing the cause of peace and freedom abroad. That is a large order. And it would be particularly hard to deliver without making full use of the powers of the government that its new chief seems to disdain. (LAT)

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Who's Hu Yaobang?

By Jonathan Mirsky

LONDON —

"Is Hu Yaobang married? Does he have children?"

"I'm afraid I can't say."
 "Why not? He's a national leader."
 "We regard these as unimportant questions."

That was as far as I got when I asked a senior Chinese diplomat about the general secretary of China's Communist Party, the man who in all but name has replaced Hua Guofeng as chairman of the illustrious succession from Mao Tse-Tung.

To Western newsmen, Chinese caution about providing legitimate personal details is astounding. But it is also revealing of the fundamental difference in the use to which such information is put in Peking. "News" is official in China, and family information either burnishes a leader's reputation or blackens it when he is "smashed."

A letter which Mao wrote to his nephew in 1937 is now widely reprinted, illustrating the chairman's early reluctance to advance the young man's career. This slots in with the current anti-nepotism campaign.

Similarly hailed is the refusal of Chou En-Lai's widow to ride in a limousine during an official visit, a useful item during the party's drive to subdue official self-indulgence.

On the other hand, many unsavory details of the private behavior of those now on trial in Peking have been given by the prosecution, despite government insistence that only their "crimes" are under attack.

Traditionally, the families and proteges of great men in China have benefited and suffered with them. This is still so. Perks can include longed-for postings or study abroad, and two of Deng Xiaoping's children are said to be in America. Such pretreatment is the stuff of Peking gossip, but remains officially clouded.

Hu Yaobang's background certainly contains an element of patronage. At the leadership's 1981 New Year's tea party, where the biggest oes was the non-presence of Hua Guofeng, Hu directed the festivities as *de facto* chairman. Watching his performance, as he has for decades, was the mao truly in charge, Vice-chairman Deng Xiaoping.

Deng has been at Hu's elbow for perhaps 40 years. At 77 Deng is 11 years older, but the lives of the two men run in tandem. Born in 1915 in Human, Mao's home province, young Hu ran off to the chairman's "Red Base Area" when he was 14, and joined the party in 1933. He was educated in party schools and academies.

Like Deng Xiaoping, Hu took part in the 1935 Long March, when the Reds escaped Chiang Kai-shek's encirclement. Thereafter, according to the authorized — and very short — biography, he made his reputation heading Communist youth organizations, which supply the party with most of its recruits.

More significant in Hu's advancement was his work as a political officer in the Second Field Army of Liu Bocheng, one of the Red Army's most celebrated Marshals, for whom Deng was the chief commissar. In 1949 Marshal Liu's forces crossed the Yangtze River during the civil war against the Nationalists.

In the subsequent administration of the liberated areas Deng played a leading role, while Hu was a regional commissar. When Deng eventually transferred to Peking in 1952, where he swiftly became one of the handful of men running the People's Republic, Hu, too, moved to the capital. With Deng he served in the Sino-Soviet Friendship Association and labored on China's new constitution, a task overseen by Mao, Liu Shaoqi, and Chou En-Lai.

At the 1956 Congress which elevated Deng to China's ruling presidency, Hu was brought on the Central Committee, at 43 one of its youngest members. For the next 10 years Hu's career soared as he

directed the Communist Youth League and represented the party's first secretary in Shanan, the kind of provincial post in which potential national leaders are tested.

In February, 1980, Hu assumed the party's general secretaryship. It was yet another move in the footsteps of Deng Xiaoping, who had held the position from 1954 to 1966. But national disgrace had left its mark on Hu Yaobang, and here even the downfall paralleled that of Deng Xiaoping. In accordance with his penchant for making significant statements to foreigners, Hu told Yugoslav cadres in 1980 that when the Cultural Revolution began in 1966 he "was among the first to be hit." Two and-a-half years were passed in a stable, five-year "sitting at home." Like Deng, he was briefly reinstated in 1975, and like his mentor was re-summed the next year. Only in 1977 was he fully reinstated.

During the next two years Deng relentlessly placed those who had humiliated him. Quickly dropped in early 1980 were four members of the state council, including Man's bodyguard. Deng's two main allies, Hu Yaobang and Zhao Ziyang, were among those who replaced them. Later that year Hua Guofeng, Deng's arch-rival, lost his premiership to Zhan Ziyang. Now Hu is teetering on the edge of total oblivion as Hu Yaobang moves to succeed him as chairman.

While China loosens up, to appal those from the West, Hua Yaobang's recent remarks, some of them to Greek Communists, on the need for a stronger leadership, and an essentially favorable press, together with his taste for less romantic literature, reveal him, always Deng Xiaoping's disciple, as a traditionally tough party man.

His much praised "pragmatism," like Deng's, emerges in his promotion of technologically qualified administrators, and in his enthusiasm for contacts with the West.

Saudi Arabian Press Review

Newspapers covered their lead stories with the opening session of the third Islamic summit conference in Taif Monday. King Khaled, who chaired the morning session, hoped that the summit would bring welfare to Muslims and the world at large. Crown Prince Fahd, who was deputized by the King to chair the conference session, declared the nation's refusal to accept the internationalization of Jerusalem. Meanwhile, *Al-Nadwa* led with Saudi Arabia's resolve to contribute \$1 billion to boost the development programs in the Islamic world.

Newspapers frontpaged the King's reaffirmation to PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat that the Muslim leaders' meeting at the Holy Kaaba is a strong pledge among Muslims to liberate Jerusalem. They also gave front-page coverage to Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal's press conference in which he said that efforts were still being made to persuade Iran to attend the summit. He also stressed that continued occupation of Jerusalem by the Zionists posed a threat to the security of the region.

Newspaper editorials discussed the King's address to the preliminary session of the summit, and said the monarch has spoken with the conscience of every Muslim and crystallized the dimensions of the role the Islamic world is called upon to play at the present stage. *Al-Yom* observed that the monarch is known for his keen interest in the causes of Muslims and his deep concern for upholding the dignity of the faith. It gave prominence to the King's stress that the Islamic renaissance would not pose a threat to anyone, but would strive to achieve peace, stability and prosperity for all mankind.

On the same subject, *Al-Madina* observed that the

King has made a clear outline of a unified Islamic strategy that would help realize Muslim aspirations. The whole Islamic nation, it said, hopes confidently that the Muslim leaders would transform their sentiments into a stage of practical action. In order to restore the past glory, Muslim leaders and their people would have to return to their faith and to work according to its injunctions so they are able to clean their lives and system of rule from everything contrary to Islam.

Al-Bilad also said the King's address crystallized the role of the Islamic world in the face of present challenges. The Muslims of the world look toward their historic conference with full hope that a new stage of united action would be heralded to give strength to Islamic unity. The King's address has, in fact, provided a boost for the summit conference, through which positive and effective steps could be taken to overcome difficulties and achieve the cherished goals of the nation, the paper added.

Dwelling on the same subject, *Okaz* pointed out that the monarch's speech has highlighted the responsibilities which have to be carried out with the help of solidarity and joint action of the Islamic world. It expressed satisfaction that the conferees were continuing their deliberations in an atmosphere of optimism, in order to thrash out all the problems and to decide upon the starting point for Islamic renaissance.

Al-Jadid was impressed with the spiritual impact that was so clearly visible at the opening session. This spiritual power, it said, would be the main factor in determining relations among the

leaders of the Islamic world within the framework of Islamic unity and solidarity. The paper held the confidence that Muslim leaders had a full sense of responsibility toward their peoples and would work to realize the hopes and aspirations of every Muslim in the world. They would take practical steps to reinforce Islam in the face of all political, economic and ideological challenges of the present world, it said.

In an editorial, *Al-Riyadh* observed that the conference's stress on the Palestine issue has, in fact, crystallized the Kingdom's declaration of the holy war (Jihad) to liberate Jerusalem. The leadership emphasis on Palestine has engendered a new spirit that would help restore Islamic unity after liquidating the marginal differences of the nation, it said. The issue of Palestine involves the entity of the Arab and Islamic nation which has to strive to restore its natural right and be capable of thwarting the dangers, the paper added.

Al-Nadwa noted in an editorial that the Islamic nation's unanimous approval of the topics being placed before the summit makes it clear that it has been taking the initiative on its issues which have been swinging in the arena of international conflicts. What the Islamic nation needs now is its firm determination to rectify the position and to make life more dignified for Muslims of the world, the paper said. It added that Crown Prince Fahd's announcement of the Kingdom's contribution of \$1 billion toward the development of Islamic states is a reaffirmation of this country's role toward the realization of stability and prosperity for Muslims throughout the world.

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Craze for foreign goods Smuggling in Red China

By Brian Eads

HONG KONG, (ONS) — Secret societies, crime syndicates and enterprising individuals have generated a multi-million dollar industry out of Communist China's 'liberalism' and the consequent upsurge demand for consumer goods.

The country's light industrial output surpassed production in heavy industry last year for the first time in a decade, but Chinese factories are still unable to satisfy the national appetite for a host of items from sunglasses and wristwatches to electric rice cookers and television sets.

Hong Kong's resourceful underworld is fully ready to meet the demand, sidestepping heavy import duties and, often with the collusion of corrupt mainland officials, smuggling in the goods.

The profits are enormous. One Hong Kong smuggler is reported to have made seven trips to neighboring Guangdong province in the past 12 months, making a clear profit of HK\$50,000 a trip.

Her perpetual state of advanced pregnancy naturally aroused suspicions, and beneath her terry smock Chinese customs officials discovered a trove of wristwatches and electronic calculators. She was offered her freedom for HK\$6,000, could not pay, but was finally released when relatives paid senior officials HK\$300,000.

Big time smugglers earn even bigger profits. Travelers, junks and sampans sailing out of Hong Kong rendezvous with Chinese contacts along the coasts of Guangdong and Fujian provinces and off Hainan Island.

Hong Kong's smugglers, fishermen and trawlers call it 'fishing for white pomfret'

because the most frequent form of payment is old Chinese silver coins. But gold bars, antiques and rare herbal medicines are equally negotiable.

A recent article in the Peking's *People's Daily* described the trade as 'rampant', adding that the wanton squandering of national wealth on foreign luxuries posed a threat to the so-called 'four modernizations.'

Chinese coastal patrols, who stepped up their vigilance, last month seized 25 Hong Kong junks laden with millions of dollars worth of contraband. The habit is to shoot first and then ask questions, and there were frequent running gunfights, with reliable reports of at least three summary executions of smuggling syndicate chiefs captured in Chinese waters.

The smugglers, meanwhile, evolved new sophistications. At Aberdeen, on the western edge of Hong Kong island, a brisk business has developed in building and adapting junks to resemble those sailing out of China's coastal fishing communes. Rather than waste time offloading merchandise, smugglers and collaborators simply swap junks, an exchange completed in minutes, offering little opportunity for detection.

Early in November, China imposed a unilateral ban on fishing within 32 km strip along its south-west coastline. Officially it was to protect marine life from over-exploitation, in theory at least it created a *cardon sanitaire* against the smugglers.

But with their livelihood threatened, and a pair of denim jeans or mirror sunglasses bringing up to 1,000 per cent profit in the cities of south China, many have switched over to the smuggling trade.



PEERING: The dolphins at the Marineland Aquarium in California peering at the little terrier dog through a window.

Plane made of graphite to come out in mid-1982

By Bob Williams

CALIFORNIA (LAT) — A few years ago, Don Stansbarger was scouting around for new ideas on how to make super-sophisticated military aircraft. So he visited Disneyland and a few dressmakers.

Stansbarger had visualized the future airplane factory as much like a garment shop with a few robots, flying carpets, computers and automatic conveyance systems thrown in to keep the operation humming.

And sure enough, that's what Stansbarger and his band of helpers at the Northrop Corp.'s aircraft assembly plant at El Segundo have come up with a Disneyland-like garment factory that makes airplanes in this Los Angeles suburb.

At one end of the factory prototype, a black, cloth-like material rolls off a giant bolt into the jaws of a gerber "reciprocating knife," just like in a garment-maker's place.

The computer-directed knife slices up the material into various patterns and then along comes a flying carpet (actually a platform suspended by rods from an overhead monorail) and carries off the patterns to a robot called *gigi*.

This awful-looking automation reaches down with about a half-dozen tentacles, grabs up the patterns and forces them to assume various shapes, such as the vertical stabilizer of a fighter plane.

Several video eyes stare down from the ceiling, looking for any mistakes the robots might make, and off to one side, a big computer sits with its lights blinking, as if to assure a visitor that it knows what is going on and has the whole operation under firm control and does not need any help from humans.

Meanwhile, Stansbarger stands around with his hands in his pockets, just watching while those clever machines do all the work. His bosses at Northrop seem to be happy — they are sold on the idea that Stansbarger's automated factory is going to help them turn out more and better airplanes at less cost.

Now, as the secret of what is going on here, it should first be noted that Stansbarger and others in his trade borrowed the basic idea from a pencil. "Graphite," said Stansbarger, "that's the magic word." It was out until around 1964 that engineers seriously thought of using the material to make airplanes.

They found ways of forming graphite into hair-like fibers similar to rayon used in clothing. These fibers are woven into various patterns and bonded together with special resins, and what they end up with comes in large rolls of a heavy material called advanced graphite composites.

That's where Stansbarger's automated garment factory takes over, and when the robots get through compressing stacks of the graphite patterns into molds or tools, the finished product is hardened in a giant pressure cooker.

Why would anyone want to make an airplane out of the stuff used in pencils? Because it's twice as hard and stiff as steel and half the weight of aluminum.

More than that it does not corrode like metals, so the planes do not wear out as fast and engineers have much more flexibility in designing airplanes. Since graphite composites can be formed more easily than metal into just about any configuration they want.

There is one problem — the cost. Graphite has come down a long way from the \$600 a pound that it cost in 1968, but it is still about \$38 a pound, which makes it expensive, even for the government.

But Stansbarger figures the cost eventually will drop to around \$5 a pound as aerospace and other industries start using the material in larger quantities.

Graphite is made from a residue of petroleum, which is not getting any cheaper, but Stansbarger said researchers already are working on synthetic materials that will have the same properties.

Northrop pioneered the use of graphite composites, according to Stansbarger, and now most U.S. military aircraft use them for key airframe parts.

Graphite components, however, are still largely made and assembled manually, which makes them even more expensive and that is why Northrop, with backing from the air force, decided to develop an automated factory.

Northrop's "factory of the future" is still just that as far as mass production goes, but sometime after mid-1982, when Stansbarger is scheduled to complete his prototype work, such automated operations are expected to become a central feature in the manufacture of airplanes.

Government fails to combat problem Dacoits' menace rises in India

By Tyler Marshall

INDIA, (LAT) — The slim, slightly gray-haired man who claims to have killed 10 men with his own hands and to have led a gang of 100 men for the deaths of countless others, Madhu Singh, surrendered dacoit, sat with pride.

The ex-bandit — or dacoit, as members of India's notorious gangs are called — recounted his exploits to two visitors in Lorena, a dusty agricultural town of Madhya Pradesh state in central India.

At the time of his surrender to the police in 1972, Singh had carried a price of \$12,000 on his head. He and his gang were as feared in the region around central India's Chambal valley as Jesse James was in 19th-century America.

But unlike James, who was shot in the back by a member of his gang, Singh and hundreds of other dacoits have lived to bask in the glory of their own legend.

The government, incapable of forcing them to justice, instead offered them land, money and eventual freedom in return for a guilty plea to one charge and a pledge to go straight.

Twice the government has held out this offer of a clean slate in return for only token punishment, first in 1961 and again in 1972. Over the years, about 700 have surrendered, and most of them are free today.

Typically, they spend a few years in a minimum-security "open jail", more renowned for illegal distilleries and imported women than discipline. Those still in prison are released last year.

Today, most float comfortably on the edges of crime, supplementing their own previous earnings with occasional work on both sides of the law.

Singh, for example, now heads a magic act that plays at local fairs, but the police say he runs far more as a ransom negotiator for dacoit gangs currently active in the region.

Respected by gang leaders and feared by victims' families, he is ideally suited for the job. Singh picked up some extra pocket money recently by playing himself in a film glorifying the dacoits, along with one Mohar Singh, who then he surrendered in 1972, was wanted in connection with 115 homicides and 133 kid-

napings. It may be a while, though, before the film is seen by the public. Its release has been held up by a dispute over which of the two is to get top billing.

The residual power and influence inherent in the notoriety of the Valley's biggest ex-dacoits have not escaped notice by politicians. Two months before last spring's crucial state elections, both Singhs were taken to New Delhi for an audience with Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

The subsequent release from custody and active campaigning for candidates of Gandhi's Congress-I Party are viewed by local officials as a definite factor in her party's triumph in the area.

"If people know they can vote to please a man they fear, then why should they tempt fate and annoy him?" a senior police official said.

With the candidates they helped elect now firmly in office, the ex-dacoits are politically protected from any investigation into suspected shady dealings, police officials complain.

The hero-status of these dacoits is a strange phenomenon in a nation that ranks declining law and order among its foremost problems. Dacoity — legally, any crime committed by a group of five or more persons — is rising to epidemic proportions nationally.

In most parts of India, dacoit gangs commit three or four kidnappings, robberies or killings, then quietly break up, with members either becoming peaceful citizens or joining another gang.

The depth of the dacoit problem, coupled with the collapse of the judicial process in many outlying areas of the country, prompted frustrated police in Bihar state to begin blinding suspected dacoits in an attempt to combat terror with terror.

Murder, kidnapping and robbery of landowners have had at least a tinge of legitimacy in the Valley since the early 16th century when dispossessed Rajput warriors began harassing their oppressors to regain land and property.

Over the centuries, a campaign of Rajput insurgency degenerated into simple banditry. The word "baghi" (rebel) is still commonly used by some dacoits.

The most notorious of the gang leaders still come from the Rajput castes and their exploits are openly admired by some. Many

dacoits carry the common Rajput surname, Singh.

Much as their ancestors did, the modern-day gang leaders strike and then retreat to jungles.

Out of police reach, they stay until ready to strike again. Gangs of 40 to 50 men have operated for decades in this way, taking advantage of rugged terrain, poor communications and undermanned police forces, in much the same way as the gangs of the American west avoided the law. Local villagers, fearing reprisals, rarely volunteer information on gang movements.

The most famous of the Valley's modern gangs, led by a Rajput known as Man Singh, operated for 16 years, committing nearly 200 robberies and kidnappings before his leader was killed by police in 1955.

According to official accounts, the government spent more than \$1 million on tracking Man Singh and lost 32 policemen in 80

gunfights with the gangs.

His occasional gifts of money to destitute villagers added a Robin Hood element to his legend. "In many ways, he was a good man," said V.R. Gupta, a high court advocate.

But according to local citizens, standards have slipped in recent years: today's dacoits often molest and rape women. "In the old days, a dacoit would never rape a woman," one Morena citizen said. "There was tremendous chivalry."

Land irrigation, improved roads and modern police techniques have altered the crime pattern of the dacoits. Improvements have made the population more affluent, so the dacoits have given up highway robbery as too risky. Today they concentrate on kidnapping. With ransoms of up to \$50,000 (paid for a rich landowner's son), the current crop of gang leaders make good money.

"It's no longer a crime, it's a business," a disgruntled police official said of the gangs, one of them led by a former Asian Games shotput champion.

Even those who helped shape the policy of negotiated surrender now admit it has failed. The example has led young people to believe they can earn a quick fortune in crime, then surrender to a life of affluence.

Pakistan to check eye diseases

By Harry Nelson

PAKISTAN, (LAT) — High atop a rocky crest a soldier waved a white flag back and forth as the cooey of jeeps and Land Rovers wound its way through the narrow pass. A few miles farther, the rough road zigzagged down the mountainside into a flat, parched valley dominated by a thick-walled red mud fort, a scattering of mud houses and a hospital.

The vehicles pulled up in front of the hospital and the men climbed out carrying boxes containing their surgical instruments, drugs and a gasoline-powered sterilizer.

It was early afternoon and the patients — nearly all of whom are elderly — had been waiting since early morning for the doctors, who had come 800 miles to conduct an eye clinic.

It was the first time most of the people have been to a doctor and certainly the first time they had been tended by someone with the miraculous powers to restore vision.

The patients were Marri tribesmen, fiercely independent herdsmen and farmers who long ago came to Kahan area of Balochistan from Iran.

The incidence of eye disease — cataracts, glaucoma, trachoma — is exceptionally high

among the peoples of this province in western Pakistan. According to Dr. Iqbal Waheed, professor of ophthalmology at the Medical School in the provincial capital of Quetta, 50 per cent of the population between the ages of 50 and 60 years have cataracts, 10 per cent of which require surgery.

For those between the ages of 60 and 70 years, 85 per cent have cataracts and 30 per cent have become blind because of lack of early treatment, the eye doctor said.

Dr. Hugh Taylor, an American who consults with the World Health Organization, is preparing a preventive program that will be presented to the Pakistani government to try to prevent the crushing load of eye diseases that now overwhelm the medical services.

Pakistan's own considerable health problems have been compounded by those of the 1.5 million Afghan refugees now living in the country, 225,000 of them in 34 camps in Baluchistan.

Waheed, a WHO consultant who recently surveyed several camps, reported that 70 per cent of the children under 5 years of age have trachoma, a viral infection that can destroy the cornea and cause blindness, and 10 per cent suffer a vitamin A deficiency disease that also causes blindness.

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Iran cool to resume trade ties with U.S.

TEHRAN, Jan. 27 (R) — Government spokesman Behzad Nabavi has said Iran will never resume its previous economic and trading relations with the United States, according to a Tehran radio interview broadcast early.

Nabavi also said the Western economic sanctions imposed following Iran's seizure of the American hostages did not have a serious effect as far as this country's basic requirements were concerned.

He said that "many Western capitalist institutions" turned a blind eye to the sanctions and continued to supply Iran.

Nabavi, who was the chief Iranian negotiator over the accords to free the 52 American captives last Tuesday, said that even when all the sanctions were removed, Iran would buy from Europe, not the United States.

"...We will not resume our previous economic and trading relations with America," he said in the interview which was apparently recorded Monday. Nabavi also warned Iranians that even without the sanctions Iran might not be able to buy arms from the West, which feared that the weapons might be turned against it.

Asked about reports that a new Islamic mission headed by Algerian President Chadli Benjedid might visit Iran to try to persuade it to send representatives to the current Islamic summit in Saudi Arabia, Nabavi said Iran had not changed its decision to boycott the gathering.

Iran is refusing to attend the conference because of the presence there of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, whose troops have occupied portions of Iranian territory in the four-month-old Gulf war.

Iran, Iraq to participate in Vienna OPEC conference

VIENNA, Jan. 27 (R) — Representatives from Iran and Iraq will attend a meeting of OPEC finance ministers in Vienna Friday despite the continuing Gulf war, officials of the OPEC Fund for International Development have said.

They told a seminar here Monday all member states of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries had accepted invitations to the meeting although it was not known whether every nation would send its finance minister.

The finance ministers will discuss OPEC's program of aid to the third world for the next two years, including the replenishment of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD).

OPEC's original allocation to IFAD, established three years ago with contributions from Western industrialized countries, Japan and OPEC, was \$435 million and the new amount could be similar or even more, the officials said.

Director-General Ibrahim F.I. Shibata of the OPEC Fund for International Development said the special meeting of 13 finance ministers might extend into Saturday.

Assistant General Director Mehdi Garadaghpour told a seminar for reporters Monday that the finance ministers would consider doubling or possibly quadrupling

the level of their aid to the poorer countries. Shibata said that unless the ministers added it to their agenda themselves, there would be no action on a variety of proposals to revamp the nature and structure of the fund, including one by Algeria and Venezuela to make it into a bank for financial aid.

The meeting will be the finance ministers' first since an OPEC tri-ministerial conference in September. The Iran-Iraq war forced them to scrap later meetings set for London and Quito.

Meanwhile, a trade newsletter in New York said Monday OPEC oil production rebounded slightly in November from a 10-month low as Iran and Iraq managed to export some oil despite their war.

Petroleum Intelligence Weekly estimated OPEC's 13 nations produced 23.98 million barrels of oil a day in the month, up from 23.32 million a day in October. November's estimates were the latest available.

The newsletter said Iran's oil production rose to 700,000 barrels of oil a day from 450,000 a day, while Iraq's output climbed to 300,000 barrels a day from 150,000 barrels daily.

Iran was producing 1.1 million barrels a day and Iraq 2.9 million a day in September, the month their war began, the newsletter said.



TOKYO TALKS: Australian Industry Minister Phillip Lynch, left, shakes hands with Hitoshi Nakashima, managing director of Toyo Kogyo, prior to their meeting at a Tokyo hotel recently.

Uganda's commodity exports improve

KAMPALA, Jan. 27 (ONS) — Uganda's commodity exports, hard hit by years of neglect and the more recent anarchy, are slowly beginning to revive.

Plans to restart the coffee, cotton, tea, and sugar industries are either underway or soon to be implemented. Copper and cobalt exports from the Kilembe mines in western Uganda may resume by the year's end.

Relative stability has prevailed in Uganda since Milton Obote returned to power as head of the Uganda People's Congress in Dec. 2 elections, but the country's industrial and agricultural infrastructure is still in bad shape. Coffee has always been Uganda's largest earner of foreign exchange, but in 1970 coffee, cobalt, tea, sugar, and cotton were gaining ground as the government tried to diversify its cash crops and commodity exports.

Only sizeable coffee exports remain today, although these have been bedevilled, especially last year, by poor transport, smuggling, and strained relations with Kenya. Nearly all Uganda's exports and imports most pass through the Kenyan port of Mombasa.

Foreign exchange earnings from coffee have remained high, despite the drastic drop in production, because of inflated world coffee prices. The weakness of the Uganda shilling, which fetches only six per cent of its official value in the free market, has led farmers, government officials and sophisticated smuggling rings to seek 'harder' currency for Ugandan coffee in Kenya or Rwanda.

Peasant farmers in rural Uganda cannot feed themselves on the proceeds from coffee or cotton sold at government prices because of rampant inflation, estimated last year at over 110 per cent.

'Coffee has suffered as food was substituted for cash crops,' said a senior Uganda Coffee Marketing Board official. 'The primary marketing system collapsed because coffee growers could not get cash on delivery and so lost the incentive to grow.'

Cotton production was even worse hit when corrupt officials issued chits which could not be redeemed. 'Some people have

been carrying these chits for years,' said the chairman of the Lint Marketing Board. 'Farmers became so disappointed that many either burned their cotton or turned to other crops.'

Cotton exports earned Uganda over \$50 million in 1972, but in 1980 brought the country only \$4.5 million.

Efforts to revive these commodity exports are now underway. The British government last year contributed \$4.8 million to assist the crippled cotton industry, and the Lint Marketing Board is now confident that large-scale cotton exports can be resumed within three years.

Asian sugar magnates expelled in 1972 have also returned to try to raise sugar production to its 1972 peak of 144,000 tons. The sugar works had deteriorated to such an extent by 1979 that only 12,000 tons was realised.

A plan by the London-based economic consultants, Bookers International, to

rehabilitate the coffee and tea industries, is now being considered. The World Bank and the European Economic Community are both ready to supply material and technical assistance once the plan is adopted.

Improved relations with Kenya has also eased the export bottleneck. Three goods trains exclusively for coffee exports will soon be added to the Kampala-Mombasa run.

On the mineral front, the Ugandan government has recently signed a memorandum of understanding with a Canadian mining company, Falconbridge, to help restore the mining and processing of copper and cobalt at Kilembe. The Canadians will offer proposals dealing with copper exports and smelting cobalt now in tailings at the mine site.

Uganda is endowed with a rich variety of agricultural and mineral resources. Commodity exports earned the country over \$250 million in 1972. Domestic peace and international aid to revive production could see Uganda earning over four times that amount annually by 1985.

Hochtief group wins Iraqi contract

ESSEN, Jan. 27 (R) — A West German-Italian consortium of companies has won a \$1.5 billion contract to build a dam on the Tigris River near Mosul to provide irrigation and power for northern Iraq, it was announced here.

Work on the three-billion-mark (\$1.5 billion) project, far from the area of the Iraq-Iran war, is to start at once, the consortium leader, Hochtief said Monday.

The dam will be 3,600 meters long and will take about five years to complete. Monday's announcement followed a recent easing of a ban on credit guarantees for Iraq introduced by the West Germany government when the Gulf war began.

Hochtief, whose share of the contract will be about one-third, is negotiating with the Iraqi government to get state-backed export guarantees. Other members of the consortium

are the West German firms Zueblin company and Trapp company and the Italian firms Impregilo, Italstrade and Cofegar. Iraq is to increase investment by 29 per cent this year under the 1981 budget recently approved by parliament. A new five-year investment program now getting under way seeks to transform the oil state from a developing country into an advanced one.

In the past four years Iraq has invested its oil revenue in a huge program of development in agriculture, industry and communications, leaving the country dotted with ambitious projects being built or just completed by foreign firms.

Many development projects have been hampered in the past four months by the closure of Iraq's ports and an exodus of foreign experts due to the war.

U.K. loan to help car firm

LONDON, Jan. 27 (R) — B.L. Limited, Britain's struggling state-owned vehicle firm, will get a £990 million (£2.4 billion) injection of government cash over the next two years, Industry Secretary Keith Joseph has announced.

But he made clear to parliament the aid would depend on good industrial relations at B.L., formerly known as British Leyland. The B.L. chairman, Sir Michael Edward, had sought the funds to help finance development plans aimed at making the company profitable within five years.

B.L., saved from financial collapse by the state in 1975, plans new models. Its mini metro car, 8000 to be launched in Europe, is already boosting the company's share of the British market.

Sir Keith said that if strikes threatened major damage to any part of the company there would be "implications for government funding."

In another development, Britain approved a £77-million mixed credit for Malaysia, even though just last week a minister reaffirmed the government's opposition to this way for financing exports, pioneered by France.

Official sources said that the credit includes £20 million in interest-free aid, repayable in 25 years with a grace period of seven years, and a commercial loan of £57 million guaranteed by the official credit insurance organization. The latter will bear the moral interest rate agreed on within the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

World Bank approves loan to Morocco

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27 (R) — The World Bank has said that it has approved two loans to Morocco totaling \$136 million for tourism and urban development.

In a statement the bank said \$100 million would be used to improve tourist accommodations and \$36 million would help finance a second project to improve housing and municipal services for the low-income urban families.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 5:00 P.M. Tuesday

	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	—	8.65	8.85
Belgian Franc (1,000)	101.00	—	—
Canadian Dollar	2.79	—	—
Deutsche Mark (100)	162.00	165.00	162.00
Drachm (100)	149.00	—	149.00
Egyptian Pound	—	4.40	4.65
Emirates Dirham (100)	—	90.90	90.85
French Franc (100)	70.00	72.00	70.20
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	72.25	73.90
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	41.80
Iranian Ryal (100)	—	—	—
Iraqi Dinar	—	8.25	—
Italian Lira (10,000)	34.00	35.50	34.40
Japanese Yen (1,000)	16.40	—	16.60
Jordanian Dinar	—	10.83	10.67
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.28	12.26
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	89.00	87.65
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	75.00	75.15
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	—	33.70
Philippine Peso (100)	—	—	44.20
Pound Sterling	8.02	8.08	8.07
Qatari Ryal (100)	—	91.80	91.70
Singapore Dollar	—	—	1.61
Spanish Peso (1,000)	—	41.20	41.20
Swiss Franc (100)	180.00	182.00	179.25
Syrian Lira (100)	—	62.00	63.75
Turkish Lira (1,000)	—	36.00	—
U.S. Dollar	3.33	3.335	3.34
Yemeni Ryal (100)	—	73.50	73.05
Gold kg.	—	56,200.00	—
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Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

Authority	Description	No. of Tender	Price SR	Closing Date
Department of Education, Hail	Supply of office furniture	31/400/401	Free	Feb. 17
Department of Education, Al-Washm, Sharqia	Construction of 10 fences for schools	39/ 17	Free	Feb. 21
Department of Education, Tabuk	Construction of Al-Fahza and Al-Anbah Schools with fences	14	200	Feb. 7
	Construction of Al-Moazzam and 15 Rahceb schools with fences	15	200	Feb. 9
	Construction of Al-Zafra and Umm Qif schools with fences	16	200	Feb. 14

PORTS AUTHORITY

JEDDAH ISLAMIC PORT

SHIPS MOVEMENTS UPTO 0700 HOURS ON THE 27TH JANUARY, 1981 21ST R. AWAL, 1401

Berth	Name of Vessel	Agent	Type of Cargo	Arrival Date
	Lanka Kalyani	Gulf	Tea/D.Coconut/Ctrs.	26.1.81
	Vassiliki	S'bookshi	Bagged Durra	23.1.81
	Agios Nectarios	Alsbah	Barley	26.1.81
	Father Banos	Alpha	Bagged Sugar	23.1.81
	Capa Ortegol	Bansodah	Bagged Barley	25.1.81
	Saint Louis	Rezyvat	Containers	26.1.81
	Ionian Carrier	Rolaco	Bulk Cement	22.1.81
	Khalil Sky	El Hawi	Reefar	25.1.81
	World Strength	Alates	Syee/Can. Sorghum	23.1.81
	Hilco Speedstar	Star	Reefar	8.1.81
	Pelagos	M.T.A.	Containers	26.1.81
	Dromon	S.M.A.	Rabar/Tiles/Timber/Gen.	26.1.81
	Condor	Star	Timber/W.Net/Cables/Marble	26.1.81
	George Wutha Berges	Kanoo	K.D. House/Gen.	24.1.81
	Goodway	SCSA	Barley/Wheat	18.1.81
Ro Ro	Begaland	Fayez	Ro Ro units	26.1.81
	Amal	Sadaka	Loading Gen/Cars	25.1.81
Sadaka	Loading Gen/Cars		25.1.81	

2. RECENT ARRIVALS:

Agios Nectarios	Alsbah	Barley	26.1.81
Dromon	S.M.A.	Rabar/Tiles/Timber/General	26.1.81
Lanka Kalyani	Gulf	Tea/Ctrs/D.Coconut	26.1.81
Marco Polo	O.C.E.	Reefar	26.1.81
Pelagos	M.T.A.	Containers	26.1.81
Vegaland	Fayez	Ro Ro units	26.1.81
Sea Triumph	Gulf	Gen/Asbestos Pipes	26.1.81
Condor	Star	Timber/W.Net/Cables/Marble	26.1.81
Lokma 1	Fayez	Canned Goods	26.1.81
Barber Nara	Barber	Contra/Cars/Gen.	27.1.81
Evar Light	Algoasibi	Containers	27.1.81
Aboudy	El Hawi	General	26.1.81

KING ABDUL AZIZ PORT

DAMMAM

SHIPS MOVEMENT UPTO 0700 HOURS ON 21.3.1401/27.1.1981 CHANGES PAST 24 HOURS.

3.	May Star	Gosaiibi	Bagged Cement	16.1.81
7.	Maldiva Envoy	Orri	General	25.1.81
9.	Ioanmins Martins	Kanoo	Contra/Fice	12.12.80
12.	Olpo Pearl	UEP	General	26.1.81
13.	Indah Jumbo	UEP	General	26.1.81
13.	Indah Jumbo	Kanoo	Const. Mat.	24.1.81
14.	Oak	Gosaiibi	Steel Pipes	24.1.81
18.	Good Hoop	Orri	Timber	26.1.81
22.	Finn Orient	SMC	Containers	26.1.81
28.	Tareco	Barber	Gen/Contra	26.1.81
33.	Parnaghla Lourion	Gosaiibi	General	10.1.81
34.	Kota Daja	SEA	Teak	22.1.81
36.	Primavera (D.B.)	SMC	Bulk Cement	23.1.81
37.	Ital Jade (D.B.)	Alreza	Bulk Cement	23.1.81
38.	Diamond Peace (D.B.)	Globe	Bulk Cement	18.1.81

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The Organization of Islamic Conference

Scenes from the summit



Crown Prince Fahd consulting with members of his delegation, left and right, a general view of the conference.



Pictures from left to right show King Khalid, Dr. Kurt Waldheim, secretary general of the United Nations; Yasser Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization and Ali Abdullah Saleh, president of North Yemen arriving to attend the summit conference in Taif.



Seen from left to right are President Zia ur-Rahman, Sheikh Isa bin the Sultan Al-Khalifa, ruler of Bahrain; Hassan Goled, President of Djibouti; and Sultan Qaboos of Oman.



Syrian President Hafez Assad (left) and South Yemen President Ali Nasser with North Yemen President Ali Abdullah Saleh are seen in the pictures.

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HE WAS JUST TRANSFERRED IN, SIR

I'VE JUST BEEN TRANSFERRED OUT?!

BLONDIE

I FOUND THIS RUMPLED TEN-DOLLAR BILL ON OUR FRONT STEPS

IT COULD BE MINE

I DON'T THINK SO

IT'S GOT MY RUMPLE

B.C.

YOU'LL NEVER GUESS WHO I HAVE A DATE WITH TONIGHT.

WELL THAT EXPLAINS THE TWENTY-SIX 'BOILERMAKERS' WILEYS KNOCKED OFF SO FAR TODAY....

ZANG

ANDY CAPP

GREAT TO SEE YOU AGAIN, LAD. THERE'S NO FELD LIKE AN OLD FELD, EH? HEH! HEH! HEH!

HEH! HEH!

YCH! YCH! I'VE COME WITHOUT MY RED AN' YELLOW CARDS - I CAN'T START THE GAME UNLESS I TOP COME FOR 'EM!

LOOK, MATE, CAN'T WE GET ALONG WITHOUT THE CARD WAVIN' FOR ONCE?

I CAN BE YOU LOT CAN'T!

HAGAR

SIGH! THIS IS THE LIFE

DARNED FISH!

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HOO-BOY!

INFLATION IS SURE ONE INDUSTRY THAT HASN'T BEEN HIT BY RECESSION -

WIZARD

MY NAME IS SIR WALTER RALEIGH AND I'D LIKE TO BOOK PASSAGE ON THE NEXT BOAT TO THE COLONIES

SACKING OR NON-SMOKING?



Contract Bridge

B. Jay Becker

The Grand Slam Force

South dealer. North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
 ♠ 7 3 2
 ♥ K Q J 4
 ♦ A K J 8
 ♣ J 6

WEST
 ♠ J 10 5
 ♥ 10 8 7 3
 ♦ 9 8 5
 ♣ 7 5 2

EAST
 ♠ K 8 6 4
 ♥ A 9 8 5 2
 ♦ 6 3
 ♣ 9 4

SOUTH
 ♠ A 9
 ♥ Q 10 7 4 2
 ♦ A K Q 10 8 3

The bidding:
 South West North East
 1♣ Pass 1♥ Pass
 2♦ Pass 4♦ Pass
 5NT Pass 7♦ Pass

Opening lead - queen of spades.

There are many slam-oriented conventions, but one of the most valuable is the so-called grand slam force. The GFS is not a new convention (about fifty years old) but it generally has not been accepted as a working tool by the average bridge player. This is rather strange, since the grand slam force is easy to apply and hard to abuse. Furthermore, there are many more points than usual at stake when the occasion for its use arises.

Let's see how the convention is used here after North jumps

Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 1981

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)
 Finalize plans concerning joint investments. Partners are supportive, but new acquaintances may not be worth your trust. Be wary.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)
 Let close ties help you with pet projects. A business proposition may not be practical. Friends may not be thinking clearly.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
 Work brings modest gain. Relations with children improve. Competitors use sneaky tactics. Singles are shy about permanent commitments.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
 Invite others over for good times. Domestic interests look promising, but watch health and dubious business schemes.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22)
 Meetings about property matters look promising. Family talks are productive. Keep your feet on the ground and avoid wishful thinking.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)
 It's a good time to buy or sell possessions. Peculiar conditions affect domestic and work affairs. Utilize common sense.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)
 Shopping expeditions are favored. Buy yourself some nice clothes. Relations with a child or a romantic interest are confusing.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
 Don't seek the limelight. You work best now from a behind-the-scenes vantage point. Beware of con artists and dubious financial schemes.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)
 Private talks with friends are beneficial, especially those concerning finances. Your judgment may be clouded in a domestic situation.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)
 Friends are helpful now with business aspirations. Sidestep illegal financial propositions. Keep valuables in a safe place.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)
 Consult with professional advisers about career interests. Business trips will prove successful. A friend may be evasive.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)
 Make no important financial moves without expert advice. Keep career aspirations realistic. You could fall for a fanciful scheme.

Accordingly, South makes the artificial bid of five notrump - the grand slam force. This tells his partner to bid seven of the agreed trump suit if he has two of the three top trump honors.

North thereupon bids seven diamonds, which is easily made. North does not weigh the overall value of his hand; he simply obeys South's command to reveal his trump holding. With only the ace or king of trumps, North would respond six diamonds.

The only danger associated with using the grand slam force is that one player or the other may misread it as part of the Blackwood convention for aces and kings. Thus, a Blackwood four notrump bid that is followed by five notrump - after partner has responded - asks about kings and has nothing to do with the grand slam force.

Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS
 41 Mournful verse
 42 Ghostly DOWN
 11 Cornflour
 12 Region of comedy
 13 Nebraska river
 14 Dombey's relative
 15 Senorita's uncle
 16 Newman film
 17 Charm; fascinate
 19 Iranian cash unit
 20 Questionnaire info
 21 Being (Sp.)
 22 Ghana garb
 23 seaport
 25 Summured
 26 Nocturnal animal
 27 Scottish name prefix
 28 She (Fr.)
 29 Patriotic song
 33 Sanskrit school
 34 Russian jet
 35 It follows printemps
 36 Kind of hand
 38 Sunk fence
 39 Disprove
 40 Small salamander

DOWN
 1 Chevy of comedy
 2 Wading bird
 3 Boxing bout site
 4 Blue grass genus
 5 "Man From U.N.C.L.E."
 6 Palm leaf
 7 Plasterwork stripping
 8 Set in motion
 9 Prodded
 11 Steeple
 15 Neonian garb
 18 French river
 19 Respond
 22 Nail polish remover
 23 Blimp or Klink
 24 Electoral
 25 Twinge
 27 Pine Tree State
 29 Hurl with effort
 31 Anesthetic
 32 Full of substance
 34 Indian servant
 37 Publication (sl.)
 38 Before now

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 8:00 NEWS
 8:15 Women's World
 8:45 Current Notes
 9:00 NEWS
 9:15 News Review
 9:30 On This Day
 9:45 This Week in Pakistan
 10:00 Music

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE - Here's how to work it:

AXYDLBAAXE
 is LONGFELLOW

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTES

WB LBDS NBUY HKZ OS TPZ;
 WB BWMSUL SRSZ TPZ HKZ OS

NBUY - OSZAXDGT T TXGUVSLL
 Yesterday's Cryptogram: I BELIEVE SATISFACTION WITH YOUR WORK IS IN DIRECT RATIO WITH YOUR CONTRIBUTION. - CHARLES F. KETTERING

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ARAB NEWS CALENDAR

DHAHRAN TV		SAUDI RADIO	
4:30 Children's Show 4:45 Union Talk 5:12 National Geographic 5:25 Sales Family Robinson 6:28 Roman 6:59 The White Shadow 7:46 Herald News 8:33 Channel 3 Features 10:07 Famous Film Theater	Curtains Alex & The Wonderful Don-Wah Leap Voyage of the Hokalo 'A' A time to live Just Friends Lulu A Bird in the Hand Reflection of Murder Roll on Texas Moon	On FM at 98 Megahertz in 3.3 meter band On SW at 12.825 MHz in 25 meter band On MW at 3485 Kilohertz in 250 meter band	Evening Transmission 9:00 Opening 9:01 Holy Quran 9:03 News of Guidance 9:10 Light Music 9:15 Jewish Highlights 9:45 Compagnies of the Peace 10:00 A Viewpoint 10:10 Music 10:15 NEWS 10:22 S.A. - A Daily Chronicle 10:30 Sound Street and Stage 11:00 A Leaf from Life's Notebook 11:45 On Islam 12:00 Concert Chorus 12:45 A Roundabout with Dreams 01:00 Closures
VOA		BBC	
5:00 News Roundup Reports: Americas Options: Analysis 6:30 Deadline News Summary Special English: News, Features, The Making of a Nation News Summary Radio USA: (Standard) 10:00 News Roundup Reports: Americas 10:05 Opening: Analysis	News Summary 10:30 VOA Magazine Americas: Letter Culture: Letter 11:00 Special English: News 11:30 News USA: (Hard) VOA WORLD REPORT Midnight 12:00 News summary voas correspondents report background National media connects news analyst.	Morning Transmission 8:00 World News 8:09 Twenty-Four Hours 2:00 World News 8:30 Suzah Ward 8:45 World Today 9:00 Newsdesk 9:30 Opera Star 10:00 World News 10:09 Twenty-Four Hours News Summary 10:30 Suzah Ward 10:45 Something to Show You 11:00 World News 11:09 Reflections 11:15 Piano Style 11:30 Bunk of Britain 1978 12:00 World News 12:09 British Press Review 12:15 World Today 12:30 Financial News 12:40 Look Ahead 12:45 The Tony Myers	Evening Transmission 8:45 Sports Round-up 9:00 World News 9:09 News about Britain 9:15 Radio Newsweek 9:30 Farming World 10:00 Outlook News Summary 10:39 Stock Market Report 10:45 Look Ahead 11:00 World News 11:09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary 12:15 Talkabout 12:45 Name Notebook 1:00 World News 1:09 World Today 1:35 Financial News 1:55 Book Choice 1:40 Reflections 1:45 Sports Round-up 2:00 World News 2:09 Commentary 2:15 The Football England

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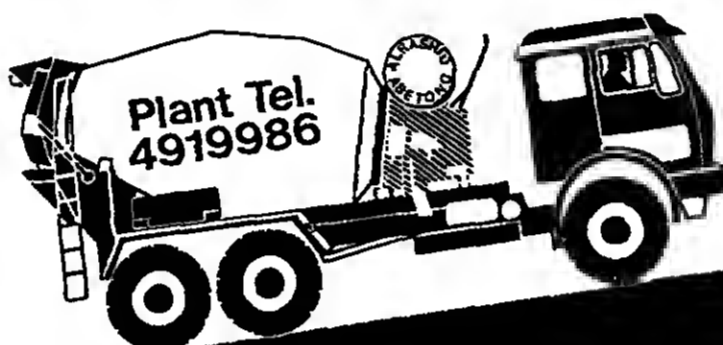
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Security conference starts U.S. raps Soviets for Afghan venture

MADRID, Jan. 27 (AP) — The United States reasserted Tuesday that the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan is a "serious burden across the full spectrum of East-West relations" and charged that Soviet violations of human rights continue and intensify.

The statements were made at the resumption of the European security conference, the first East-West forum at which the week-old Ronald Reagan administration could make public its views on world tensions.

Ambassador Max Kampelman, leader of the U.S. delegation to the 35-nation conference, made clear he was speaking for the new administration and reiterated that the December 1979 Soviet intervention in Afghanistan was a "gross violation of all the principles of the Helsinki final act 1975." The final act lays down an international code of

conduct designed to preserve world peace.

Kampelman also said that since the conference recessed Dec. 19, nine additional trials and at least two arrests of human rights activists had occurred in the Soviet Union. "These acts of repression will not work," he said. "The voices from the prisons are heard."

Kampelman said the word detente "does not today exist as an accurate description of East-West relations." He expressed "serious concern about the unprecedented Soviet expenditures on armaments, the largest military buildup the world has ever seen."

Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Leonid Ilyichov told the opening plenary session that the whole detente process would be affected if no decision was taken in Madrid on the reconvening of a new European disarmament conference.

Kabul jittery

Nationalists keep up pressure

ISLAMABAD, Jan. 27 (AFP) — Nationalist attacks against Afghan government and Soviet forces and installations show no signs of tapering off. Western diplomatic sources said here Tuesday.

The sources said that the city of Charikar in Parwan province north west of Kabul remains an important center of resistance. Despite repeated bombings, the inhabitants of surrounding communities have indicated that they will continue to shelter and assist the nationalists, according to the diplomats.

Nationalist forces so effectively control the regions of Kohistan, Tagah and Nejrhan in the province of Kapisa, northeast of the Afghan capital, that they can fix the prices in local bazaars, the sources said.

Kabul itself was jittery after a week of sporadic fighting. The diplomats said that, according to the reports they had gathered, three supporters of the government of Babrak Karmal were executed by nationalists last Tuesday in the city's Kotlovnight quarter.

Last Monday and Tuesday, attacks were

reported on a government party office and a power generation station in the Karte Parwan and Mirozoyan quarters.

Despite the dashes in Kabul, Kuchiro Yamazaki, former President of the Socialist Party's youth wing, said in an interview on Afghan television last week that "all is calm in Afghanistan and the regime is supported by the people." Yamazaki's comments were similar to those made recently by three British Labor members of parliament during a visit to Kabul.

The Hezbi Islam resistance group, based in Peshawar, Pakistan, reported numerous clashes between the nationalists and the Afghan-Soviet forces in Baghlan province.

The resistance group said that its fighters had attacked a detachment in the center of the province and killed 26 Afghan soldiers and two Soviet military advisers. The group also said that four trucks were burned. In the Baghlan hazaar, rebels killed eight Soviet and four Afghan soldiers and destroyed their vehicles, Hezbi Islami claimed.



FLOOD HAVOC: Flash floods washed away this bridge outside the town of Laingsburg on the national highway between Cape Town and Johannesburg Monday. Sullen rivers and raging flood waters have left a trail of destruction throughout the Cape in which about 200 died or disappeared.

Flood-hit S. African town gets relief

CAPE TOWN, Jan. 27 (Agencies) — Rescuers were flying in relief supplies and clearing away tons of debris Tuesday at the country town of Laingsburg, destroyed by flash floods in which about 200 people died or disappeared.

Helicopters were transporting blankets and food to the 3,500 people of Laingsburg, 160 miles northeast of Cape Town in South Africa's rugged Karoo region. Also receiving aid were the nearby districts of Touws River, Ladismith and Montagu, all declared disaster areas Monday by the government.

Heavy rains over the weekend in the semi-desert area swelled the Buffels River, normally a trickle at this time of the year, and sent a six-foot wall of muddy water coursing through Laingsburg, sweeping away houses, cars and people. Other small towns were hit as well. The media has called the flooding one of the worst natural disasters in South Africa for many years.

The floods also caused heavy damage to transportation and communications links. Telephone service was expected to repair rail and road installations.

The road linking Cape Town with Bloem-

fontein, in the Orange Free State, and the rest of the country was cut in several places. Many bridges were washed away by the surging waters. The rail line between Ashton and Robertson was also cut and South Africa's two prestige cross-country trains — the Blue Train and Trans-Karoo Express — stopped running.

More than half the mainly white population of 400 in Laingsburg is believed to have died. A television report quoted Laingsburg's mayor as saying between 19 and 21 people who lived at a home for the elderly were swept away and feared drowned.

Honoring ex-hostages

Reagan orders grand show

WEST POINT, New York, Jan. 27 (R) — America Tuesday put the official seal on the welcome for its returned hostages with a series of ceremonies normally reserved for visiting heads of state. The 52 ex-hostages arrive in Washington about 1700 GMT and will parade to the White House where President Ronald Reagan will hail them publicly as heroes for suffering 444 days of extreme hardship for their country.

U.S.-Greek talks begin

ATHENS, Jan. 27 (AP) — Greece and the United States began negotiations Tuesday on an accord to ensure America will keep its four major and several minor bases in Greece and maintain military aid to this country.

The U.S. delegation is led by the country's ambassador to Athens, Robert McCloskey. The Greek delegation is led by the secretary general of the Foreign Ministry, Stavros Roussos. Both sides hope the accord will be signed by March.

There will be a welcome ceremony on the White House lawn at which each will be presented with a miniature U.S. flag in a wooden box. The president will then give them an evening reception.

The ex-hostages, who were reunited with their families Sunday, are expected to divulge more details about their incarceration in Iran at a press conference before leaving West Point for Washington. They have been staying at the imposing Thayer Hotel in the grounds of the U.S. military academy at West Point, getting reacquainted with their families, eating lobster and hamburgers and jogging.

Reagan has proclaimed this Thursday a national day of thanksgiving to honor the freed hostages. The Senate and the House of Representatives had earlier approved the plan which also honors eight U.S. servicemen killed in an abortive hostage rescue raid in Iran last April.

Good Morning

By Jikad Khazen
Living and working here in London, we are supposed to be ready at a moment's notice to drop everything and act as enthusiastic tourist-guides to whoever happens to pass by from the homelands. Cousins (forty times removed) and friends (and friends of friends) all flock to the door, demanding to be taken forthwith to such places as Hyde Park and the wax museum. It's no use pleading that one more visit to either and you're liable to go berserk, that you've had it up to here with the whole thing and that your touring days are over. That would cause untold offense. People would immediately think that you've changed, that the long stay in foreign lands have taken their toll.

The place I loath most on such occasion is the zoo; which is of course the place everyone has top of their list, especially if they have kids. I have developed my evasions, whenever I am asked to lead an expedition there, into a fine art. I know all the puppet theaters, the kids cinema and theater shows — and the moment the zoo is mentioned I start spouting out alternatives.

The bad blood between me and the animal Kingdom goes back a long way, every since the time when, as a child, I was bested by a rooster which I was fool enough to corner and challenge to a fight. I still carry the scar from the vicious peck which resolved the confrontation. I remember with what relish I ate the bird when it was served at the table.

Things didn't improve when, years later, and as a penniless student, I went to Europe on a tour just before entering university. There I was in the zoo in Belgrade, munching the sandwich I bought with the last of my meager funds, when an elephant suddenly put its trunk through the bars and whipped it right put of my hand. My last sandwich on Yugoslav soil: It was supposed to sustain me for at least twenty-four hours until I reached Austria and get some money there.

And bad became worse when, one day in the Addis Ababa zoo (all it had were lions of all shapes and sizes), I found a decrepit old lion dozing peacefully in his cage, quite near to the bars. A French lady journalist told me that plucking a hair from its whisker brings eternal luck, and could I please get her ooc. I did. And the blessed thing gave such a roar that I almost fainted on the spot. The keepers came running. The Amharic language, I then learned, had a vocabulary which was nothing less than astounding. Please don't ask me to take you to the zoo next time you pass by.

Translated from *Ashraf Al Awad*

Dollar scores

LONDON, Jan. 27 (AP) — The dollar came in for some profit-taking early Tuesday but soon shook it off to score new advances on world money markets. It bit a new high against the Italian lira and was at its highest level against the West German mark since mid-1978.

Bullion prices which declined Monday moved down further to reach their lowest point since May 27, 1979. London's five bullion houses fixed the morning gold prices at \$517 a troy ounce, down from \$528.50 late Monday and in Zurich the metal traded down \$10.

In Hong Kong gold closed at \$519.12.

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common faith and heritage.

Prince Fahd said the conference agenda is a complete plan for cooperation among Islamic states in economic and technical fields, and "we ought to give all the needed consideration as well as material and oral support to this plan."

Prince Fahd also announced a \$1-billion increase in Saudi Arabia's contribution to the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) to help boost the development of the Islamic world.

Prince Fahd said the economic and social development of the Islamic world was as much in need of finances as of Muslim brains and new ideas for work and progress. With this in view, he said, the Kingdom proposes that the OIC member states allocate at least \$3 billion to bolster economic development. He hoped that the idea would receive the concern of the conferees so that it could be put under implementation.

Prince Fahd added that it was more essential to put the general agreement for economic, trade and technical cooperation among the Islamic countries under implementation, and "we hope that the states which have not yet ratified the treaty would do so now, while we would urge the general secretariat to continue its efforts in this direction."

The crown prince said that, in a world of economic and social imbalance, it has become imperative on the leaders of the Islamic world to realize the aspirations of Muslims for a more dignified and honorable life. Inspired by this idea, King Abdul Aziz had invited Muslims to meet in Mecca nearly 56 years ago, to unify their ranks and to work for the glory of Islam, he said.

The crown prince described the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) as "a most outstanding achievement" of Islamic solidarity, and said "we are called upon to extend it further support and assistance, to enable it to continue its efforts and multiply its activities for the sake of a comprehensive development of the Islamic world."

Prince Fahd reiterated Saudi Arabia's readiness to help increase the IDB's capital,

and hoped that the matter would receive the concern of the conferees.

The crown prince reaffirmed that a strong economic cooperation among the Islamic states would pave the way for the establishment of dynamic relations that would strike a balance between the economic growth and political stability in these countries.

Addressing the conference, King Hassan of Morocco said the Jerusalem committee which was formed under his leadership was performing its duty a long a road which required patience and perseverance. "We studied the need for a declaration of jihad, holy struggle, when the Zionists announced the formal annexation of the holy city of Jerusalem and that it would become their eternal capital," he said.

The committee decided that the best definition of jihad was the injunction by God to Muslims to give themselves and their wealth in his service. He called on the Muslims to do their utmost towards that end and said the leaders were aware of the enormous responsibility that they should and are determined to do their best to fulfil the ambitions of the people.

In order to strengthen the committee, King Hassan proposed that heads of state be chosen to lead the other committees set up by the conference, including those of information and culture, trade and economy, science and technology. In this way they will be able to do much more work than ministers be said. The Islamic effort to regain the holy city will become a "vast, comprehensive and well-integrated undertaking," he added.

The president of Senegal Abdo Diouf commended the efforts of the committee and declared his country's support for a proposal by PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat to re-elect King Hassan for another term of office as chairman. President Seikou Toure of Guinea also supported the re-election and praised the committee's endeavors.

Bangladesh President Gen. Zia Ur Rahman said his country has always supported the struggle of the Palestinian people for the liberation of their country. He said that the preparation of a special Jerusalem document

by the committee was huge effort which called for courage and determination.

Geo. Zia said the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and its leadership occupied a special place in the hearts of the people of Bangladesh.

Arafat said the Palestinian people were proud of King Hassan's work and services and praised the efforts of the committee on behalf of the Palestinian people and the holy places in Jerusalem. He said his election as vice-president of the conference was evidence of the commitment of the Islamic nation to the cause of Palestine.

Niger's President Seyni Kountche called for greater economic cooperation among the member states as advocated by King Khalid in his opening address. "Such cooperation will have good results for Islamic solidarity," he said.

Malaysia's Deputy Premier Datu Sirri Mahadar Muhammad thanked Saudi Arabia for convening the conference and also praised the work of King Hassan and the committee.

Tunisia's Prime Minister Muhammad Mazali said it was sad to note that the Islamic nation was still facing "difficult and delicate circumstance." He called for cooperation and unity to solve outstanding problems among Islamic states.

Pakistan's President Zia Ul-Haq reviewed the efforts of the late King Faisal in promoting Islamic solidarity which led to the formation of the Organization of the Islamic Conference. He supported the re-election of King Hassan.

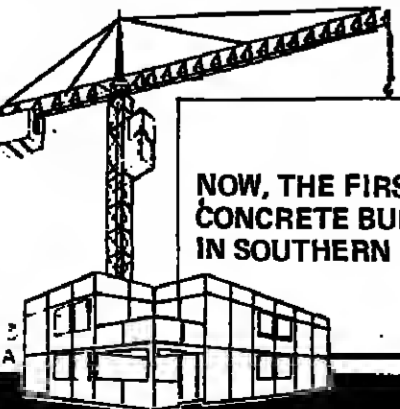
King Hassan spoke again to thank those who commended the committee and proposed a meeting of the committee members in two weeks' time to review its work and plan further action. The other members are President Seikou Toure of Guinea and President Zia Ur Rahman of Bangladesh.

The Secretary General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference Habib Chatrri urged the conference to draw up a combined political, economic and military strategy to ensure the peace and progress of the Islamic world.

He said that cooperation among the member states can only be achieved through solidarity and an agreement on a "common denominator" of main and general principles while shunning subsidiary disputes.

Chatrri read out a detailed review of the work of the OIC since its inception and its services to the cause of Islam and Muslims. He also covered the main points for discussion and the principal problems facing the Islamic world from Palestine to Afghanistan.

Talking of the awakening of the Islamic world, Chatrri said this was a reflection of the strength of Islam and the spiritual, moral and economic power of the Islamic nation. He appealed to the conference to tackle the "bleeding wound" caused by the Iraqi-Iranian war and do its best to stop it. "The whole Islamic nation is waiting for you to do something about it," he said.



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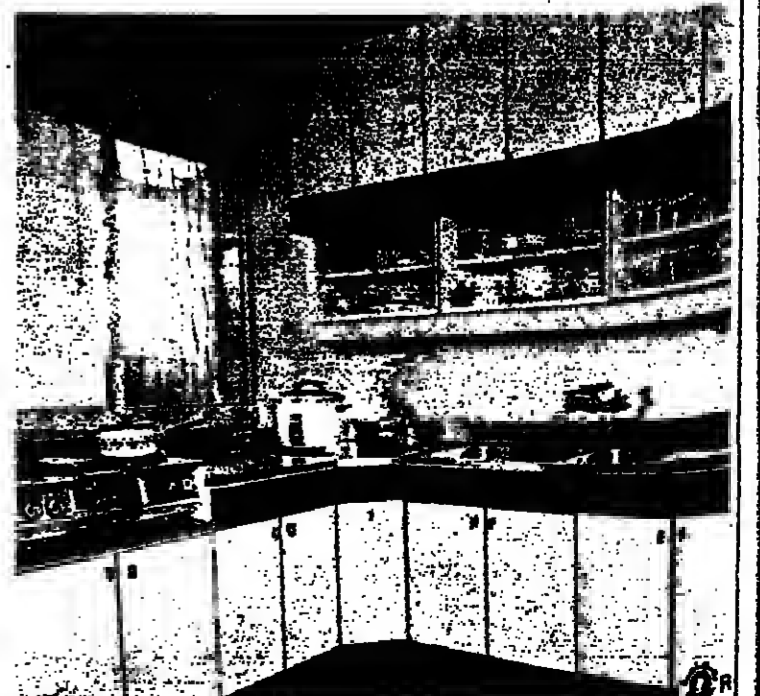
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